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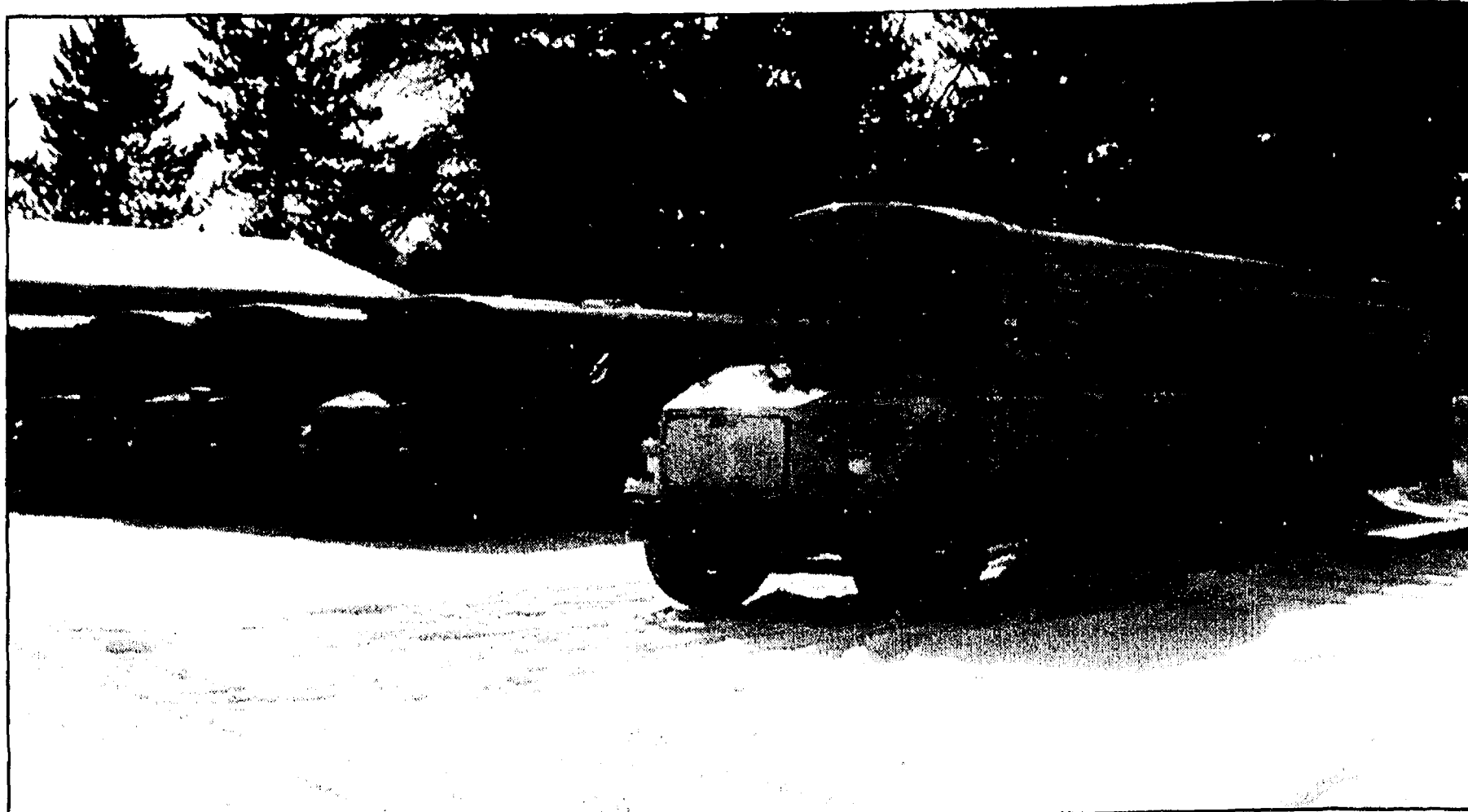


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The Crawford AuSable School District has only purchased one bus in the last three years, when six busses should have been added to the fleet. The newest busses are 2005 and 2003 model years.

Voters to decide bond issue for upgrades, bussing

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newest busses are 2005 and 2003 model years.

If the bond proposal is approved, the district would be able to purchase two busses per year for the next six years, allowing the district to use general fund dollars elsewhere and curb high maintenance costs.

"We are committed to providing transportation for our students because we know that many parents are unable to provide transportation for their children to and from school," Powers said.

"Energy conservation projects would also be made to cut costs, particularly at the Grayling Middle School and Grayling Elementary School, which are the oldest school facilities in the

district. Lighting and mechanical upgrades would be made in other school buildings.

"Some of these improvements should have been made a long time ago, but we just haven't found the dollars to do them," Powers said.

Powers noted that the district refinanced the 2001 bonds last year, saving taxpayers \$651,349. The district also refinanced the 1993 and 1995 bonds in 2001, saving taxpayers \$479,714.

Under state law, expenditures of bond funds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries or other operating expenses.

Income tax programs for timber offered for private forest landowners

Have you sold timber from your woodland within the last tax year? Or are you considering having a timber harvest in the year 2006? Perhaps you are a tax preparer or consultant who wants to know all about timber sale taxation. If so, then an upcoming income tax program sponsored by the MSU Extension and the MSUE Forestry AOE Team may be of interest.

Entitled "Tax Treatment of Income from Timber Sales on Privately Owned Forestland," the purpose of this program is to help landowners minimize federal income tax paid on timber sale revenue. In addition, other information that is useful in filing federal income taxes will also be presented at this program. Any interested landowners, foresters, tax preparers and others are invited to attend.

The session will be held on Wednesday, March 22 at the Oscoda County MSU Extension office in Mio and will run from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The cost to attend the program is \$15 per person (or family). This fee covers the cost of the handout materials, refreshments and other program costs. The deadline for registration is March 17.

"Most individual landowners sell timber only once in their lifetime," states Karen Potter-Witter, professor of Forest Economics with MSU Extension. "As a result, many landowners do not know how to

handle the income taxes on the timber sale income," says Potter-Witter.

According to Potter-Witter, forest landowners can take advantage of certain income tax provisions to minimize the income tax they pay on their timber sales.

These provisions include lower tax rates for timber sales that qualify as long-term capital gains and a deduction from taxable sale income known as depletion allowance. "Timber sellers, however, need to do some specialized paperwork to properly take advantage of some of these provisions," says Potter-Witter. "For example, landowners need to first establish their basis or cost of their timber in order to use the depletion allowance. And there are some potentially confusing provisions this year."

The program will be conducted by Dr. Karen Potter-Witter, Extension Specialist from the Dept. of Forestry at Michigan State University and by Russell Kidd, District Extension Forestry Educator with MSU Extension in Roscommon. Both of these instructors have experience with federal IRS timber taxation regulations and have taught similar programs in the past.

For further information or to register for this program, contact Linda Cronk, Crawford County MSU Extension at 344-3279.

Correction

In the February 9, 2006 Avalanche: Crystal Hardy was inadvertently omitted from the Calvary Baptist Academy first semester honor roll.

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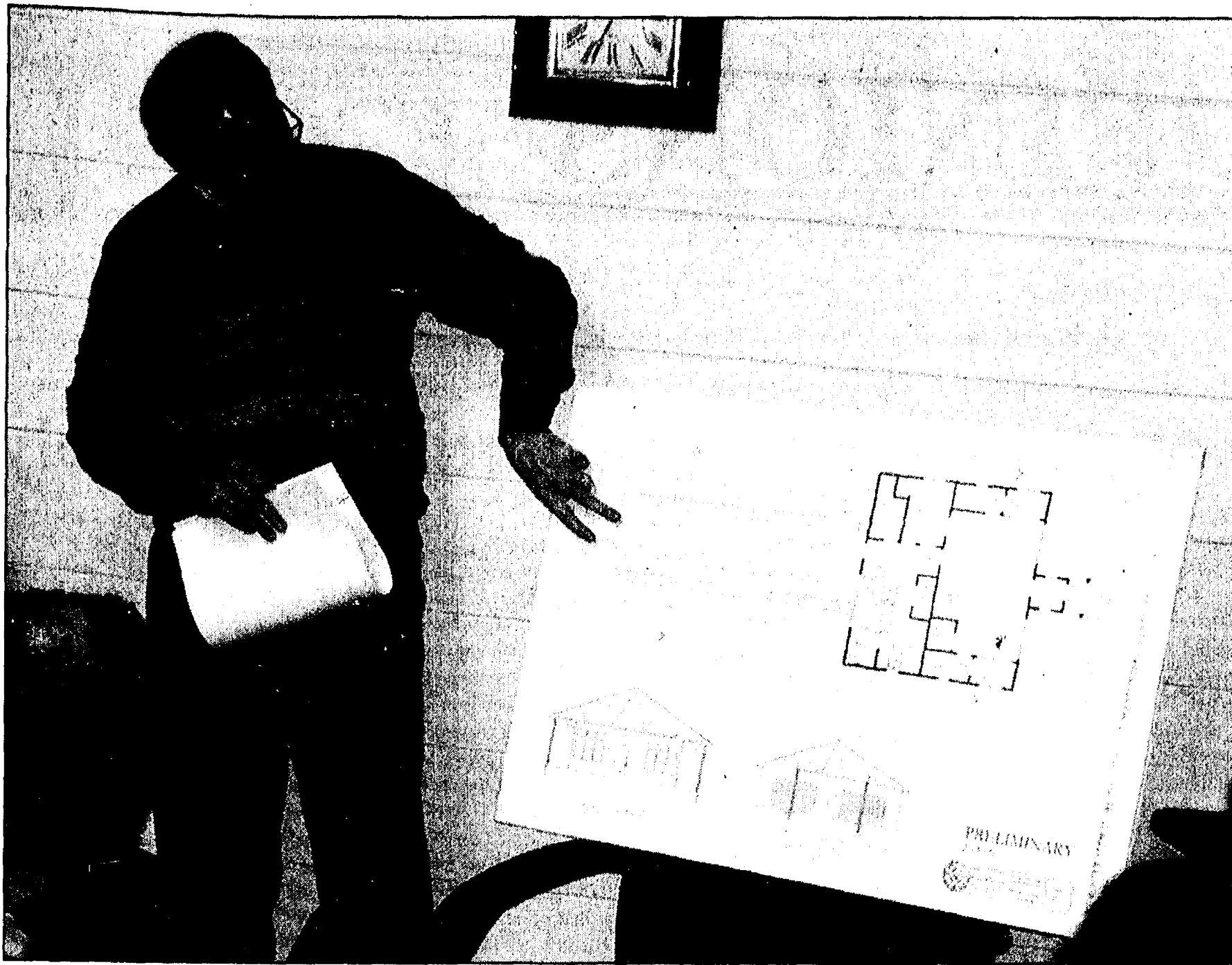


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Roscommon architect Thomas O'Brien explains how the new Animal Shelter of Crawford County will be laid out at the Crawford County Commissioner meeting last Wednesday.

Agreement approved for animal shelter

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and construction of the shelter. The board dedicated two acres at the Crawford County Fairgrounds for the shelter.

Roscommon architect Thomas O'Brien has been hired by the shelter board to design the new facility.

The shelter will be in the northwest corner near Old 27 and M-93 and will be 3,700 square feet.

The area where cats will be housed will be located in the front of the shelter. A total of 27 kennels for dogs will be located in the back of the shelter.

The entrance will include office space, a small retail area, a meeting room and a privacy

room.

"This would be a place where clients could get to know their pets without being distracted by other pets and other things going on," O'Brien said.

There will be a washer and dryer in a bathing and grooming area for the animals.

The interior of the shelter will be constructed with pre-cast insulated concrete walls, which will improve the energy efficiency and make it easy to clean the inside and outside of the facility.

"They're really not looking for a Taj Mahal," O'Brien said.

"They're doing this for the animals so they're trying to keep the outside of the building rather simple."

The exterior of the shelter will be various shades and textures of vinyl siding. A separate 720 square foot building will be constructed to house the shelter truck and for storage.

"Hopefully, if it is an attractive enough building other people will want to spiff their property up too, and it will get the whole area looking nice," said Sharon Priebe, the president of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board.

During the public hearing, which was required for the USDA loan and grant submission, there was no public opposition to the shelter plans.

"This would be a positive, progressive thing and a star for

the community to have a new facility like that," said Grayling resident Robert McIntoch. "I've seen the old one, as it's been for years, and it doesn't look good for the community."

Janet Andrews, a member of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board, said members of the Mt. Hope Lutheran Church residents who live near the fairgrounds are eager to see a new shelter for the animals.

"All the neighbors are really excited about the shelter being around the corner and they're looking forward to it," Andrews said.

Roscommon High School
in cooperation with
Village Bridal & Formal
is hosting the
2nd Annual Prom Fashion Show.

The show will be held on Sunday, February 26th at 2:00 p.m. in the Roscommon High School Auditorium. Admission is free and everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Kirtland partners with Tanger to provide new scholarship

Students of business and marketing at Kirtland Community College are being offered a helping hand from an area business that wants to see them succeed. Tanger Outlet Center of West Branch is offering a \$500 scholarship to a Kirtland student entering his or her sophomore year who plans to pursue an education in the business or marketing fields.

The Stanley K. Tanger Kirtland Community College Business/Marketing Scholarship, named for the man who developed and still runs the Tanger Factory Outlet Centers nationwide, will be awarded annually starting with the 2006-2007 academic year.

"Mr. Tanger is very education oriented and wanted to do something to help students in the business and marketing fields," said Vicki Seltz Barnes, general man-

ager of the Tanger Outlet Center in West Branch. The 82-year-old Tanger came up with the outlet shopping center concept 25 years ago and now runs more than 30 locations across the country.

Barnes isn't surprised by his gesture. Last year the West Branch center raised and donated more than \$7,500 from its TangerBucks for Schools program and she's had the pleasure of handing out donations from Tanger to numerous local civic and safety-related organizations over the years.

She said this is the first scholarship offered by Tanger locally, although the business has sponsored them through several other locations.

To be eligible, applicants for the scholarship must possess a 3.0 grade-point average or above and have been enrolled full time at any accredited Michigan college

or university for at least one semester before applying, and must enroll full time during the 2006-2007 academic year at Kirtland. Academic performance and community involvement will be two primary factors used in ranking applicants.

Students residing within the COOR Intermediate School District will receive first consideration.

Interested students must submit an application, college transcript(s) and at least one letter of recommendation no later than May 1, to Kirtland Community College, Office of Financial Aid, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon MI 48653. Applications may be picked up at the Financial Aid Office, or downloaded from the college's Web site at <http://kirtland.edu/business/financialaid/scholarships.htm>.

Men injured in head-on snowmobile accident

Two snowmobile operators were injured Saturday when they were involved in a head-on crash just north of Grayling.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said that deputies were dispatched to the snowmobile crash at 2:15 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18.

The accident occurred in the southeast part of Frederic Township on the snowmobile

trail near the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

Robert Niebauer, 55, of Elmira and Francis Raymo, 52, of West Bloomfield, collided at the crest of a hill, causing the drivers to be thrown face first into one another. The helmets of both drivers were damaged in the accident.

Niebauer and Raymo were both transported to Grayling

Mercy Hospital. Niebauer was transferred to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, where he was listed in serious condition on Tuesday. Raymo was transferred to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw.

Neither alcohol nor speed, were believed to be a factor in the accident.

The accident remains under investigation.

Commissioners commit to Little League plans

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Aubry said. "I could see a real nice, community athletic park being built out there."

Aubry said that McIsaac Field, the existing ball field at the county fairgrounds, has allowed the softball program to start its games earlier in the year.

"That's been a huge asset for the softball program," Aubry said.

Aubry and Richard Schreiber, the president of the

Grayling Little League Board, were directed to meet with Hanson and Lange in order to obtain specific land use requirements for the new fields.

"There is nothing more important than the children and the youth of our community and it's an ideal spot for it," said Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

Aubry said that Little League International would assist with plans for the ball fields.

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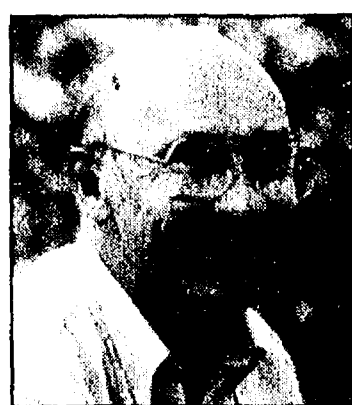
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Some sort of graduation standards seem likely

MANY EDUCATORS, some legislators, and Gov. Jennifer Granholm all seem to agree that curriculum standards at Michigan high schools should be higher.

The main problem seems to be how much, not why.

The only high school course now required for all Michigan students is a single course in civics. Individual school boards set the rest of the standards for graduation.

Most districts require at least a minimum amount of math, science, English and social studies. From there the requirements vary all over the place.

The state board of education backs much more stringent requirements for all Michigan high school graduates. Its recommendations:

- Four years of math, including algebra I and II, geometry and another math related class.

- Four years of English or language arts.

- Three years of science, including biology and either physics or chemistry.

- Three years of social science, including one semester of civics and one semester of economics.

- Two years of world language.

- One year each of health or physical education, and visual or performing arts.

- One unspecified online class.

THESE CHANGES are designed to assure near uniformity in Michigan high school curricula. A graduate in Rogers City, Grayling or Three Rivers would be required to pass the same classes as a graduate in Bloomfield Hills or Benton Harbor.

Theoretically at least, all Michigan high school graduates would be equally qualified to conquer the road to college, face the challenges of the world, and take over the more intricate jobs which are expected to increasingly dominate the national and

world economies.

When he placed the proposal before the state board of education, Michael Flanagan, state schools superintendent, warned that Michigan secondary education must be improved.

"Our kids will be left in the global dust if we're not careful," he said. "This is urgent."

Introducing proposals and enacting laws are two different ball games. Now it's up to the state legislature for action. It's a pretty good bet that mandatory curriculum will not become law the way Mr. Flanagan and his board have proposed it; but it's also a pretty good bet that some sort of curriculum intensification will be approved beyond today's civics-only requirement.

GOV. GRANHOLM has made improved education standards a key program for some time now. She cites keeping Michigan graduates at home in Michigan as one of the key problems of great-

est concern to many Michiganiens.

Her answer is more and better jobs in Michigan and more and better education for Michigan students. It's sort of a circle of life: One depends on the other.

Many high school and college graduates do stay in Michigan. They want to live in familiar surroundings and to be near family, or they may be restricted by personal relationships or obligations, or by other considerations.

However, it's human nature for many young people to want to get out into the world, to explore new horizons, to spread their wings. If at all possible, many talented and adventurous young people will move Seattle or New York or Atlanta, or even China or Scandinavia or Brazil. All things being equal, they will move simply for the adventure of it.

That's human nature, and no jobs program or education program or even "cool cities" back home will keep them down on

the farm if the whole wide world beckons.

Gov. Granholm cannot controvert human nature with more and better jobs, more and better education. For example, Jennifer Granholm was born in Vancouver and went to high school and college in California. She's not there now.

ANOTHER SHAKY premise in the education controversy is that all students must be college graduates to get a decent job in the coming years.

We are told young people no longer can bypass college and simply go into Michigan factories and assure themselves a good life. Things have changed, and now they need a college degree.

The changing job market and changing job requirements are real, but that doesn't mean all young people must go to college, in my opinion.

Some don't want to. Some want to work with their hands,

not their minds. Some cannot handle the college work. Some cannot afford it, even with generous scholarship programs.

To force every student into a college mold is not wise, nor is it possible, any more than keeping every young adult in the old home town.

There are definite needs for vocational training in all sorts of areas and specialties, which don't require college graduation, and for that matter don't even require the mandatory 18 required credits in identical high school pursuits. Each young person is an individual, with differing and individual needs and with varied talents and preferences, and each should be treated as an individual. They should not all be forced into the same mold.

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VIEWPOINT

by Douglas Slater, M.D., Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatricians,
Vice President of Medical Affairs, Mercy Hospital, Grayling

Vaccinations for children

Parents should be well informed and educated before making any health care choice for their child, including the decision to have a child immunized against disease.

Controversies have surrounded vaccinations for more than 200 years, ever since Dr. Edward Jenner vaccinated his own son against smallpox. Is the world a better place without the widespread threat of smallpox? I believe it is.

Many dangerous illnesses have been suppressed or eradicated because of immunization efforts. We now enjoy the luxury of living virtually free of the major diseases, such as polio, a communicable disease that killed or crippled people in our grandparents' time.

The best thing that parents can do is to obtain reliable information about the benefits and risks of vaccinations. It is always best to keep a balanced viewpoint on

any issue. An abundance of information is available. I would recommend any of the following web sites to receive credible and factual information:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov/nip

Immunization Action Coalition at www.immunize.org

The Allied Vaccine Group at www.vaccine.org

Vaccine Education Center at www.vaccine.chop.edu

National Network of Immunization Information at www.immunizationinfo.org

Before making a decision about an issue as important as vaccination, please obtain as much information as you need. Please remember preventing illness is always difficult given one is usually treating the healthy.

Your medical provider will welcome your questions on this important topic.

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Tree harvesters make our forest look like a war zone

To the editor,

When I bought my house on M-72 East back in 1984, we lived in a forest with blueberries, birds and deer all about. In the spring before the snow was off the ground this gang of harvesters tore down the forest within five feet of my home. It looked like a war zone, it was a rape. This has been going on all over Northern Michigan.

The state is run by down state. They give their students more money, they have better roads, better everything. All of this costs money, and if a few hillbillies have to lose their trees, their

deer, their freedom, so be it. We lose our homes for not paying the high taxes. We close schools so the state can balance their budget and get reelected.

I don't care for the governor, but she didn't start this. The liberal bureaucrats have been running this state into the ground for a long time. It is not the democrats or the republicans, its the real power behind the throne, the money, the unions, the special interest groups. This won't change any time soon, so we just live with it.

Richard Bulley
Grayling

Sidewalks are safer

To the editor:

The City of Grayling and the men from Camp Lehman removed the snow on the north and south sides of Michigan Ave, making the sidewalks for our

children and safety patrol much safer.

Keep up the good work.

Laura Schans (Meme)
Grayling

Pere Cheney is not being paved

To the editor,

I typically do not respond to articles placed in the newspaper, but I needed to address an editorial placed in last week's paper by Gary Worden.

Mr. Worden's editorial was so far from accurate I was dumbfounded. Mr. Worden asked why Pere Cheney Road was being paved.

I can assure Mr. Worden that Pere Cheney Road is not going to be paved and was never considered to be paved. Mr. Worden stated that a type of meeting was held and the people were told what they thought did not matter. I can assure Mr. Worden and the citizens of Crawford County that your Board of Road Commissioners do not conduct meetings like this and your opinion does certainly bear into their decisions.

The Crawford County Road Commission holds a public hearing every year with the City of Grayling and the Crawford County Transit Authority. This meeting is to set project priorities for roadways eligible to receive Federal and State funding. Once the priorities have been set, they are presented to a regional task force to receive funding.

The result of this year's public hearing was that Chase Bridge

Road was to be Crawford County Road Commission's high priority project. North Down River Road between Stephan Bridge Road and Wakeley Bridge Road was our second priority. This was presented to the Task Force for funding consideration.

Because of funding reductions on behalf of the Federal government the projects had to be reorganized at the Task Force level.

The results are that North Down River Road will be constructed this construction season. Chase Bridge Road from M-72 south 4.50 miles will be reconstructed in 2008.

I am sure there are many citizens out there that do not understand how the Road Commission receives funding and what the limitations are with those funds. Our State and Federal Governments change the rules every year on how this works.

However, the next time someone has a concern about how the Road Commission does business please call and get the proper information before you print an article that is not even close to correct.

Donald A. Babcock
Managing Director
Crawford County Road Commission

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone

number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Consumer Fraud Series to be held

The senior center, at 308 Lawndale, Grayling, will be holding the fifth in an eight week series on how to protect yourself from consumer fraud on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 12:30 p.m., on the topic "The Truth About Living Trusts." The presentation will include information on what living trusts are, how to spot some of the scams and what you can do if you are a victim of a living trust scam. For more information call Alice Snyder at 348-7123.

Scholastic Book Fair to be held

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held at the AuSable Primary School Media Center, Monday, Feb. 27 through Friday, March 3, at 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The media center will be set up like a bookstore for your book shopping pleasure. Proceeds are shared between the AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary School Media Centers.

World Day of Prayer to be held

The 2006 World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 3, at 1 p.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Grayling. The event is being hosted by the United Methodist Women with several area churches participating. The theme for 2006 is "Signs of the Times" and was written by the women of South Africa.

Prom Fashion Show to be held

Roscommon High School in cooperation with Village Bridal and Formal is hosting the 2nd annual Prom Fashion Show. The show will be held on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m., in the Roscommon High School Auditorium. Admission is free and everyone is encouraged to attend. The latest fashions in prom dresses and tuxedos will be featured including the newest colors and trends.

Shrove Tuesday supper to be held

St. Francis' Episcopal Church on M-72 West, Grayling, will be holding its 32nd Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28. A variety of pancakes, sausage and apple-sauce will be served. Donations will be accepted at the door, the money will go towards the church's ministries. The public is also invited to join in the Eucharist Service at 7:30 p.m.

Church to host luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will host a lunch on Thursday, March 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu includes a hot casserole, sandwich, salad and dessert. Take-outs are available. Cost is \$5 per person.

Local scholarships available for seniors

Local scholarships for graduating seniors at Grayling High School are now available in the counseling office. Students are encouraged to begin applying as soon as possible, as the deadlines range from March 22-31. Detailed information on the scholarships will be sent to parents along with their students interim grade reports Feb. 24.

Boosters sponsor fund-raising night

The Grayling Youth Booster Club is partnering with Wendy's of Grayling for a Community Fund-Raising Night. A percentage of the sales from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 28, will be donated to the Booster Club. Booster board members will be present and encourage the community to support the club.

Fund-raising banquet to be held for turkey conservation

The Hunting Heritage Super Fund Auction and Dinner, hosted by the Beaver Creek Gobblers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf), will be held on March 18, at the Grayling Eagles Club starting at 5:30 p.m. Ticket price is \$45 and \$65.

All ticket holders will be eligible to win valuable prizes exclusive to NWTf events. Place the highest bid and you could go home with sporting art, hunting guns, knives, calls, outdoor equipment and more.

Your membership will help the NWTf support wildlife management on public, private and corporate lands and preserve hunting as a traditional North American sport.

In 1973, when the NWTf was founded, there were an estimated 1.3 million wild turkeys and 1.5 million turkey hunters. Thanks to the work of wildlife agencies and the NWTf's many volun-

teers and partners, today there are nearly 7 million wild turkeys and almost 3 million turkey hunters.

Since 1985, the NWTf and its cooperators have spent more than \$202 million upholding hunting traditions and conserving more than 9 million acres of wildlife habitat.

The NWTf is a nonprofit organizations with more than 500,000 members in 50 states and 16 foreign countries. It supports scientific wildlife management on public, private and corporate lands as well as wild turkey hunting as a traditional American sport.

Reserve your tickets today by calling Brian Brown at (989) 275-1426 or Dennis Ryan at (989) 348-8338. For more information about the NWTf, log on to their Web site at www.nwtf.org, e-mail at nwtf@nwtf.net or call (800) THE-NWTF.

DTE helps customers apply for Home Heating Credit

DTE Energy, parent company of Detroit Edison and MichCon, is helping low-income customers apply for the Home Heating Credit, a state energy credit that can help offset the costs of natural gas or electricity used to heat homes in the winter.

The Home Heating Credit is based on household income, the number of exemptions claimed and the home's actual heating costs. Special exemptions may be available to customers 65 and older and to people with disabilities.

Department of Human Services recipients and people who receive other public assistance also may be eligible for the credit if they owned or rented a home or apartment in 2005.

Customers are encouraged to call DTE Energy toll-free at (800) 411-4348 for assistance in applying for the Home Heating Credit.

Before calling, customers should have available their household income and their dependents' Social Security numbers and dates of birth.

Rotary brings Texas Holdem tournament to Grayling

In recent years from college campuses, small town America, and across the airwaves the card game Texas Holdem has been a recent phenomenon exceeding everyone's expectations in popularity. As a new fund-raiser the Grayling Rotary Club will be holding a Texas Holdem tournament in Grayling on Saturday, March 4, at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

Tournament director Mark Sloan stated, "We are trying to hold an event that will bring local people out as well as attract people from throughout the State to Grayling." Many players travel to events statewide for the bragging rights of winning a tournament.

The tournament will be regulated by the State in much of the same manner as raffles and casino nights that Rotary has run in the past. The top player will walk away with \$500 in prize money, second \$400, third \$350, fourth \$300, and fifth \$250. Sloan stated, "The State controls the amount of money an individual can win so we have elected to pay a sizable prize to the top five players in an effort to attract players from all over to the event."

The tournament will start with

Lightning Satellite games for players wanting to warm up or decide if the tournament is right for them. The first game of Texas Holdem will start at 1 p.m. The buy in is \$75 and early registration is encouraged as seating is limited. Mark Sloan added, "We hope to provide an upscale, evenly paced event that contestants will enjoy and remember, but at the end of the day, through a process of elimination, one player will be the overall winner with bragging rights to the Grayling Rotary Texas Holdem Tournament."

The event will also provide a second round game of Texas Holdem as well as a seven card stud table for players not interested in Texas Holdem.

For details, registration, and event information interested players can contact Mark Sloan at 989-348-8232. The event will feature a day of card playing, prizes, food and drink.

The Grayling Rotary Club, a local service club, holds fund-raisers to provide money for Rotary projects that vary from college scholarships to the continuing effort to eradicate polio from the planet.

January blood drives has over 100 donors

The American Red Cross Blood Drive held on Jan. 4, at the Grayling American Legion, sponsored by M.A.T.E.S. had 89 donors. Michael Wargo received a 10 gallon pin; Wayne Davis and Tracy Henning received a four gallon pin; Carrie Zollner, a two gallon pin; Dennis Henning, a one gallon pin. There was also six first time donors: Robert Hayden, Amy Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Brenda Livingston, Racheal Pegouskie, and David Smith.

A special O blood type drive was held at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Jan. 9. There were 26 donors registered. Ruby Peterson received a 13 gallon pin; Lawrence Albrecht and Stephan Peterson,

a two gallon pin; and Julie Engbers received a one gallon pin.

The next blood drive will be held on Thursday, March 2, from noon to 5:45 p.m., at the Frederic Township Hall.

Another blood drive will be held at Grayling High School, on Friday, March 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Community donors are requested to donate between 11:30 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, the Grayling Holiday Inn will be hosting a blood drive from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

At all drives, donors are requested to bring a photo ID or their Red Cross donor card.

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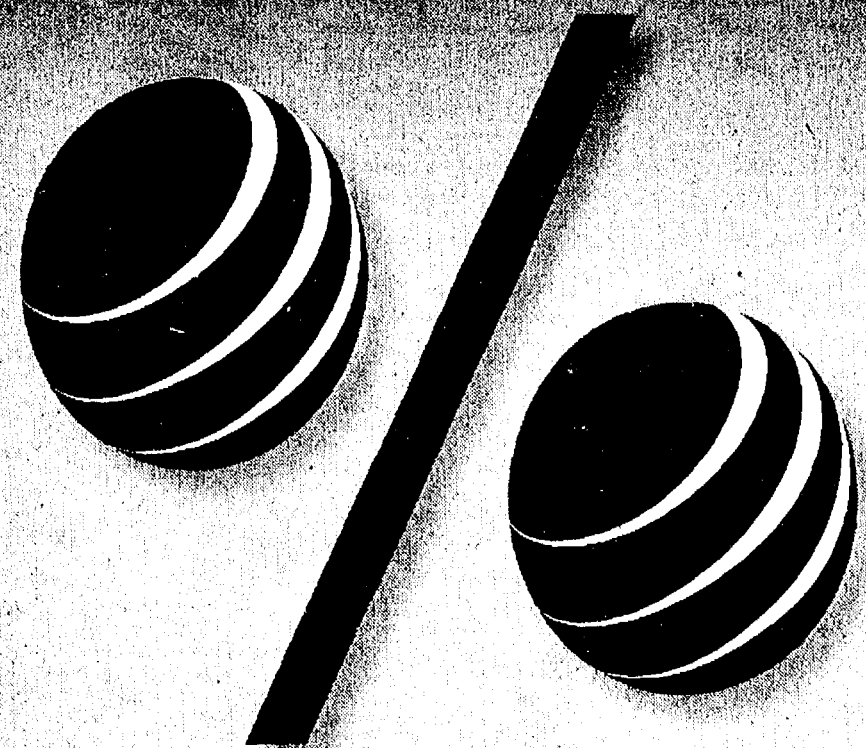
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LIBRARY NEWS

Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library

March is National Poetry Month. If you are a poet, bring in your favorite poem or two and it will be posted on the "Inspirations from the Muse" wall at Devereaux Memorial Library.

A Dr. Seuss Birthday Anniversary Party, "102, just like new," will be held on Thursday, March 2, at 10:30 a.m. The Cat in the Hat will be there too. All children are welcomed. If you have a nursery school or day care group, please call Devereaux Library with the number of children you will be bringing. Phone 348-9214. There will be refreshments, but no green eggs and ham.



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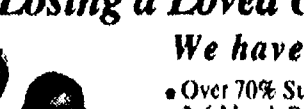


RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club
The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 19 of \$25 each: Steve Green

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Mission Possible: helping the Dominican Republic

Blistering temperatures, extreme poverty, tarantulas, and lots of medical needs created opportunities for a northern Michigan team to show love and service in the Dominican Republic.

Mercy Grayling's Randi Oehlers, Information Systems technical director, and her 14-year-old daughter, Brittany, joined retired nurse Ruth Doss and 31 others ranging in age from 14 to 65 on a week-long trip to the city of San Juan and the nearby village, El Rosario. The trip was sponsored by the Gaylord Rotary.

"There were seven of us who were part of the medical mission of the trip," Randi Oehlers said. Munson Healthcare's

Information Services employees donated \$550 and dozens of pairs of shoes to the effort. Mercy Hospital Grayling, Mercy Hospital Cadillac and Northern Michigan Supply Alliance donated a truckload of medical supplies. Munson Medical Center's Pharmacy sold pharmaceuticals at cost to the group. The Gaylord Rotary sent \$4,000 for a school for the deaf.

Team members were instructed to put their personal items in a carry-on bag. Each of other two suitcases apiece for the 34 travelers was packed with pharmacy items, medical supplies, and donated clothing and shoes.

Christopher D. Milan, D.O., of Gaylord's Otsego Memorial Hospital, and Doss led the medical team. "I worked in the triage unit," Oehlers said. "We brought patients in and did pre-assessments. It was quite challenging because they don't speak English, they speak Spanish. We each had an interpreter."

The medical clinic was set up



Randi Oehlers works in the medical clinic established in a village church in the Dominican Republic.

in a one-room church building in El Rosario that was without any running water. Temperatures hit 100 degrees and more. "At times we had 150 people lined up outside the door to see the doctor," she said. "We really even felt guilty going to lunch. Most of these people would live in a space about half the size of a garage."

While Oehlers worked at the medical clinic, other members of the team worked at a school painting, performing maintenance tasks and continuing to build a wall around the school that involved using a pick ax to dig footers through rock. Group volunteers digging a ditch one day saw six to seven tarantulas. One spider went up a teen's leg. The team awarded him with a spider shirt the next day.

A visit to an orphanage with 67 boys ranging in age from 4 to 25 opened eyes and touched

American hearts. "One little boy lifted up his mattress to show us his life's possessions," Oehlers said. "There were two little McDonaldland toys under there. Several of the people on the trip broke down in tears."

The Michigan group handed out toys, clothes and toothbrushes to the thankful children at the facility.

High school and college group members told Oehlers they were impressed with the attitudes of the residents despite the living conditions.

"The kids always had a smile on their faces. They were excited to see the Americans," Oehlers

said. "The language barrier was huge. But the American kids learned there are some universal things - like a smile. There were some universal things you could do, like sharing your sandwich at lunch."

The trip created bonds with the Dominican Republic residents and between members of the team.

"Everybody interacted so well together and lifelong friendships were made," Oehlers said. She's already sure her first mission experience will not be her last. "We'll go next year," she said. "I've already started collecting supplies."

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Grayling Elementary student's Angeline Rouston and Tiffany Mitchell were recognized as the Safety Patroller's for the months of December and January.

Training prompts office change

The administrative offices for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will be staffed by Sheriff Kirk Wakefield and Undersheriff Shawn Kracys on March 13 through March 17 due to employee training.

Licenses to purchase a handgun and handgun registrations will not be issued or performed during the week.

The sheriff's office apologizes for the inconvenience.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of Feb. 12 - Feb. 19:

Three traffic accidents, one private property accident, one traffic control, two traffic warnings, three civil infraction cita-

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8 Oral Health-Care Tips

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With the help of your dentist and these tips you will be well on your way to keeping your teeth healthy and in optimal condition for years to come.

1. Understand your own oral-health needs. Everyone's mouth is different. Talk to your dentist or dental hygienist about special conditions in your mouth and how your general health affects it.

2. Commit to a daily oral-health routine. Based on discussions with your dentist or dental hygienist, devise an effective oral-health routine that's easy to follow and specific to your situation.

3. Use fluoride. Everyone can benefit from fluoride mouth rinses or toothpastes. Fluoride strengthens developing teeth and helps prevent decay in children and adults. Toothpastes and mouthwashes are good sources of fluoride.

4. Brush and floss to remove plaque. Everyone should brush and floss at least once a day (preferably twice or after every meal) to help remove plaque, the bacteria that constantly forms on your teeth. If plaque isn't removed every day, it can combine with sugars to form acids that lead to tooth decay, gingivitis and other periodontal diseases.

5. Make other oral-care products part of your routine. Consider oral-care instruments that can help whiten teeth, increase tooth and gum health, remove plaque and tartar, and fight gingivitis. These other products are: an explorer pick, scaling device, polishing cup and interdental brush.

6. Use water-irrigation devices. These appliances spray a high-pressure water stream to dislodge food particles from teeth and gums. They benefit people with braces or other types of orthodontics who need extra help in removing food from between their teeth.

7. Examine your mouth regularly. Even if you visit your dentist regularly, you are in the best position to notice changes in your mouth. Your dentist sees you only a few times a year, but you can examine your mouth weekly for changes such as swollen gums, chipped teeth, discolored teeth or sores or lesions on your gums, cheeks or tongue.

8. Visit the dental office regularly. You and your dentist should talk about the frequency of your visits. Some people need to visit their dentist more frequently than others.

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Local athletes earn medals at winter games

Crawford County was well represented at the 2006 Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games. Five local athletes joined another 600 from all over the state at the event which was held Jan. 31-Feb. 3 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme and Schuess Mt. in Mancelona.

The local squad was led by the double gold medal performance of Scott Kahn. He earned the pair of gold medals in the junior downhill and giant slalom races. Fellow alpine skier, Kris Brown, brought home a pair of bronze medals on the senior division.

In the Nordic competition, Brock Prater came home with a pair of 4th place ribbons in the 500 meter and 1 kilometer races. While there was plenty of snow at Schuess Mt. for the skiers, the snowshoers who competed at the Grand Traverse Resort were not as lucky. The unusually warm weather melted all the snow on the golf course where the event is held. Rather than cancel the event, the organizers spread hay over the course so the "snowshoers" could have their races. Jake Haight captured a silver and a bronze medal in the 30 meter and 50 meter races, while Travis Hunter took a bronze in the 30 meter event.

In order to qualify for the state event, the local athletes first had to compete at their area games which were held at Hanson Hills, Grayling, on Jan. 19. At that event 90 Special Olympians from 10 counties in northern and central Michigan participated in



Jake Haight, of Grayling, snowshoeing at the 2006 Winter Special Olympics.

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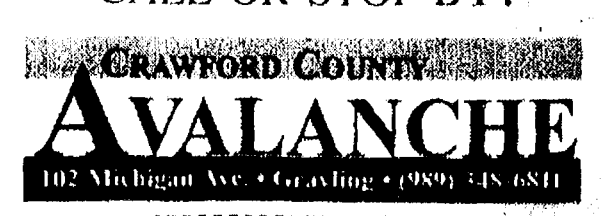
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North End Grocery in Frederic closes

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The heavy snowfall last week was too little, too late for one Crawford County business.

The North End Grocery, located at 6974 Old 27 in Frederic, closed its doors Friday.

Marla and Ken Phillips owned and operated the store for just over four years.

Marla said the lack of snow this winter, high gas prices and slow economy were factors in deciding to close the grocery store.

"There were just too many bills going out, and not enough money or business coming in," she said.

North End Grocery had a deli and meat counter, offered hot meals and pizza and started selling gasoline two years ago.

"We've almost gave everything a shot," Marla said.

The Phillips have been trying to sell the store unsuccessfully for the last year and a half.

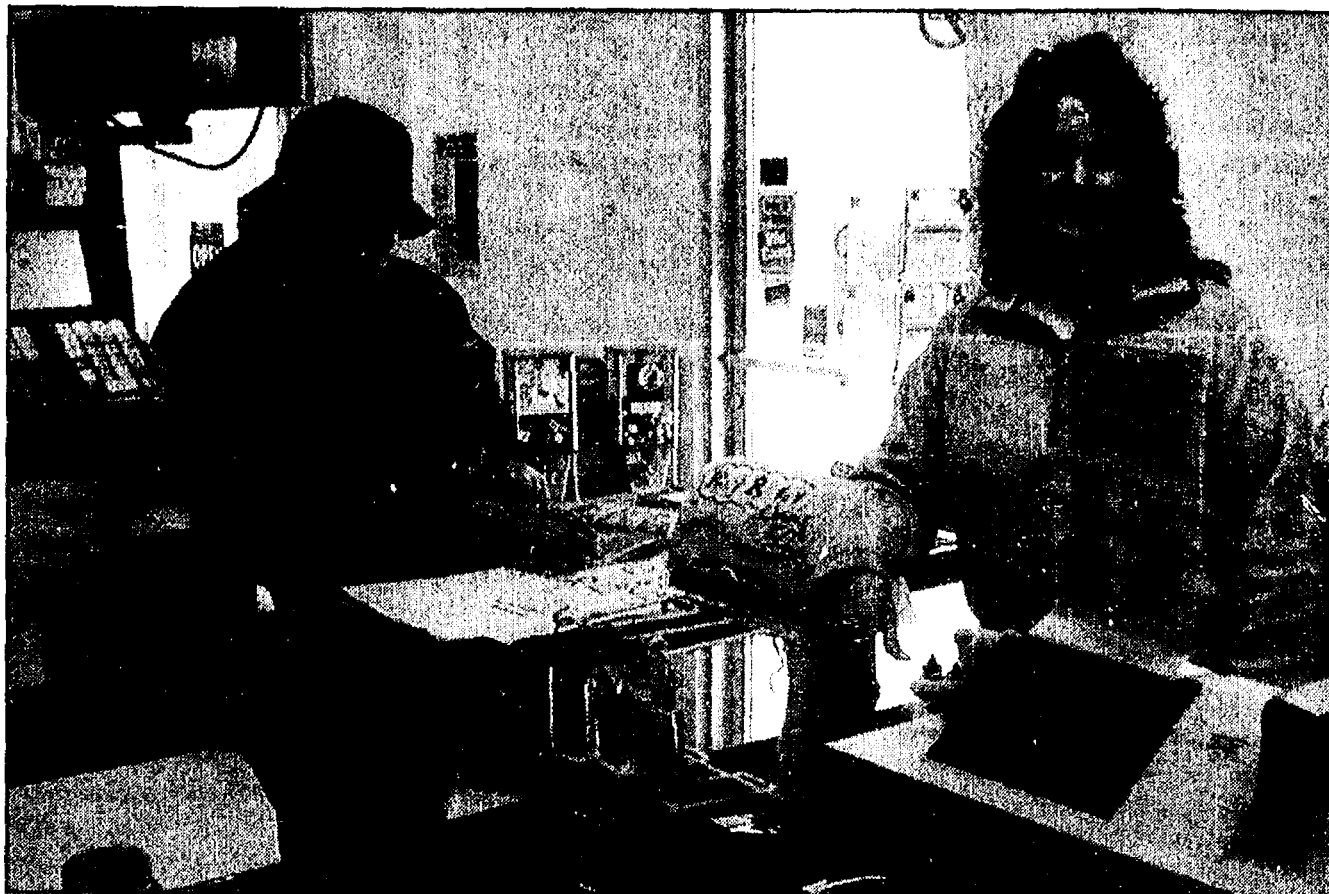
"Too many small businesses are going under and people don't want to invest in them," Marla said.

Ken Phillips went to work at Lowe's Home Improvement Center in Gaylord. Marla will go back to Wal-Mart in Gaylord, where she worked for seven years before deciding to pursue running her own grocery store.

"I'm going to miss all of the customers," she said.

Jerry Grabowski, a regular for morning coffee at the store, said he will miss having the store available and visiting with locals.

"I'm not going to have anyone



Photos by Dan Sanderson

A large pile of snow ironically nearly blocked a sign at North End Grocery, announcing its closing sale. Above, Marla Phillips, the owner of the store, shares one of her last mornings with Jerry Grabowski, a regular at the store.



to pick on," Grabowski said about spending his mornings with Marla at the store.

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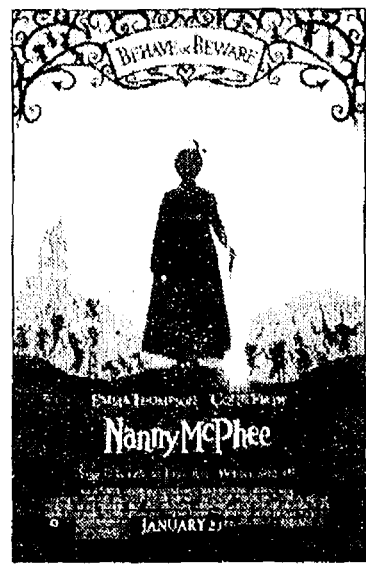
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DuBois Do It Best Lumber opens new storeby Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

DuBois Do It Best Lumber has moved the main portion of its business to its new building.

DuBois Lumber opened its doors at its new location located at 6593 West M-72 on Feb. 13.

The new store allows DuBois Lumber, which has been owned by Kelly and Shelly Elmy since 1990, to grow from 4,000 square feet from its Norway Street location to 12,000 square feet.

The added space allows DuBois Lumber to carry a greater amount of items it offers. Tools and hardware are located in the retail space at the front of the store. Large items such as doors are displayed in the back of the store. A display of shingles and gables will be featured covering the business's office space area and rest rooms, so customers can see how the materials will appear when they are installed. A space where kitchen fixtures and sinks are on display is also located in the store.

Shelly Elmy said that DuBois Lumber has been seeking to expand its customer service and diversify its products for the last several years.

"Once you get the customer in the door, you want to fix them up with everything because it's easi-

er on them," she said.

Doors on each side of the business will allow customers and contractors to easily get in and out of DuBois Lumber with their materials.

The DuBois Rental Center, which is located off of M-72, will be relocated to the new location by May in time for a grand opening celebration.

The expansion has allowed DuBois Lumber to add seven new jobs, bring the total number of employees to 15 people. More employees will be added during the summer months.

The Elmys hope that the expanded selection of hardware items and materials will allow them to compete with large retail stores located in neighboring communities.

"I would hope that people would like to stay in Grayling and shop," Shelly said.

The Elmys plan to rent the previous sites where the DuBois Do It Best Rental Center and DuBois Lumber were located, and have no immediate plans to develop or sell the property.

Kelly Elmy is a member of the City of Grayling's Downtown Development Board, and may seek to develop the property in the future as part of a larger downtown redevelopment plan.

"Right now, we've kind of got our hands full," Shelly Elmy

DuBois LUMBER

Photo by Dan Sanderson

DuBois Do It Best Lumber & Rental Center has opened at its new location located at 6593 West M-72. Above, DuBois Do It Best owners Kelly and Shelly Elmy are pictured with their daughter Andrea Elmy.

DuBois Lumber is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

MILITARY NEWS

Army National Guard Pfc. Robert M. Dent has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship,

armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Rick Dent of Grayling. The private graduated in 1998 from Grayling High School, and received an associate degree in 2001 from Kirtland Community College, Roscommon.

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Kirtland art student opens the shutter on his future

When Greg Hardy discovered the darkroom in Kirtland Community College's Art Department, the light went on. Hardy, from Grayling decided what he really wanted in life was to become a photographer.

"I was working a factory job and finally decided that I needed to do something else," Hardy said of his decision to start taking classes at Kirtland.

Now, almost three years later, he's finishing up the graphic design program offered by the college and plans to this fall begin attending the prestigious College for Creative Studies, a private art education institution in Detroit, where he'll pursue a bachelor's degree in photography.

Many of the black-and-white photos Hardy developed in Kirtland's darkroom are on display now until the end of February at the Kirtland House on the college's campus.

A public reception for the show was hosted there Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Studies in shapes, and especially textures, abound in the show, which features several multiple-print layouts of gears and pieces of farm implements, among other eclectic subjects.

"I just love the texture of rust,"

Hardy said with a smile, regarding his choice of subjects.

The natural world has its appeal to Hardy as well. A photo he snapped of some local spring fungi, which was chosen for publication in the "Best of College Photography Annual 2005" produced by Photographer's Forum Magazine's and co-sponsored by Nikon, is on display, along with other nature-themed photos.

His courses this semester have him diving into the world of color photo processing and he recently purchased a digital camera, but he appreciates the solid background in photography basics and darkroom techniques he received at Kirtland.

"I'm glad I was able to do that kind of work while it's still available," he said, noting how quickly film photography is becoming a thing of the past.

As for his own future beyond college, he's not sure where it will take him, but he's hopeful he'll get his first look at it through the lens of a camera.

For anyone who would like to see Hardy's work, call the Kirtland House at 989-275-5000, ext. 418, to confirm open hours. Artwork produced by some of the college's part-time Art Department faculty will go on exhibit there in March.



Kirtland student Greg Hardy is displaying his black and white photos at the Kirtland House until the end of February.

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Chet A. Wheeler, of Grayling, was among 669 students to be awarded a degree from Ferris State University during the fall semester that ended December 2005. He received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree majoring in Marketing with Cum Laude honors.

He is the son of Cliff Wheeler and Beth Wheeler of Grayling.

Senior Summit 2006 planned in northern Michigan

The Aging Institute of Michigan will be hosting a seminar, "The Upside of Aging: The Business of Aging Professional Development Seminar," for businesses and nonprofit organizations committed to the future of aging and preparing communities for the boomers, on April 25, at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa in Traverse City. This event is sponsored by AARP and the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce.

The seminar is designed to give business leaders, and leaders from the public and nonprofit sectors, the opportunity to learn, network and consider together the future of aging, and its impending transformation of the marketplace, the work place and the lives of our citizens.

Special guest speaker is Maddy Dychtewald, Ph.D. Marketing Executive & Co-Founder of *The Age Wave*, and author of *Cycles: How We Will Live, Work and Buy*. Other featured speakers include Russel Bodoff, Ph.D. Executive Director of the Center for Aging Services and Technologies, Elinor Ginzler III, Livable Communities Director, AARP National Office and Thomas Hartwig, Ph.D. President and CEO of the Gerontology Network in Grand Rapids, and Founder of Mature Living Environments, Inc. Several Lunch and Learn sessions on a variety of timely topics will also be offered along with an Exhibitor Marketplace.

Conference participants will increase their knowledge, insight and understanding of the impact of those age 55 and older

on the marketplace. They also will learn a variety of ways to become an active player in the development of livable communities for all ages. This will include an increased understanding of health care advances, environmental modifications, and assistive technologies that can help citizens with physical challenges maintain vital and active lifestyles.

A special pre-conference event is being planned for Monday, April 24, that will focus on Ageconomics: Aging and the New Economy featuring nationally known economists, Clare Zimple and Cliff Russell. In the afternoon, special guest Jenefer Duane of the Elder Financial Protection Network, of Novato, Calif., will present on Best Practices in Elder Financial Abuse Prevention and Recognizing and Reporting Elder Financial Abuse for the banking and financial communities.

Chair of the conference planning committee is Dona J. Wishart, Program Planning and Marketing Director for Otsego County Commission on Aging and 2003 - 2005 member of the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA). Conference advisors and additional sponsors include representatives from business, hospitals, senior housing, health care agencies, financial advisors, and aging agencies.

For complete information about the conference and how to register, please go to www.seniorssummit.net or call the Aging Institute of Michigan (231) 941-1905.

Klondike Derby held at Camp Grayling

Boy Scout Troop 979 along with other surrounding boy scout troops and many cub scout packs attended the annual Klondike Derby on Jan. 28-29 at Camp Grayling. Scouts competed in fire building, knot tying, shelter building, trivia, a race and first aid.

Each team pulled a Klondike style dog sled with all of their equipment they would need throughout the day. The teams consisted of five to eight scouts and were judged on speed, accuracy, and teamwork at each event.

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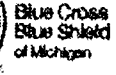
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Bahamian student-athletes find warm reception at Kirtland

There's more than just the country's rarest warbler flying between Northern Michigan and the Bahamas these days. Two young ladies from Nassau, New Providence, capital of the Bahamas, have made the trip several times since August and are taking delight in the warm reception they've received.

The Bahamians, Evalyn Bain, 19, and Shekira Knowles, 18, began their studies here at Kirtland Community College last fall and during their time here they've experienced Northern Michigan weather at its wintry best, as well as snowmobiling, getting lost on their way home from the airport and numerous other adventures, not the least of which is being far from home for the first time and many, many miles from anything Bahamian.

"At one point Evalyn very sadly asked me if any fish boats ever make it to Michigan," said Jim Enger, Kirtland's marketing director who has taken it upon himself to arrange a lot of the logistics of the Bahamians' education and life in Michigan. "I laughed so hard — she misses fresh fish so much."

Bain traveled home for the Christmas holiday and said before she ever made it into her mother's house, they stopped at her grandmother's next door, where a meal of steamed fish, peas and rice, homemade cole slaw, baked macaroni and corn was waiting. She relates the experience in detail and speaks wistfully of the food of her homeland.

It's no surprise then that she's the designated cook in the student housing she shares with Knowles and another player from out of state.

"I'm the only chef in the house," Bain said in her prominent Bahamian accent, shaking her head. "They'd be eating McDonald's every meal if I weren't there."

In fact, Knowles admits that, despite her roommate's prowess in the kitchen, she is a regular at the fast-food restaurant.

"I can't cook," she stated, with

no qualifications. "Growing up, the adults cooked. I never learned. 'I miss the fish,' she, too, said sadly.

So just how did these two young Bahamians with their braided hair and an affinity for seafood find their way to Roscommon? Bain and Knowles were recruited to be student-athletes at Kirtland by the college's athletic director and head women's basketball coach Teresa Stuck.

The unlikely affiliation began about a year ago when the girls' high school basketball coach in Nassau, Kent Lightbourn, sent an e-mail to Stuck saying he had some players he thought she might be interested in and would she care to take a look at them.

She would, and she did, in person in April 2005, with the prompting of Enger.

Enger, always on the lookout for marketing potential, immediately saw it in another affiliation with the Bahamas. What could be more natural than trying to further the ties Kirtland already has with the island nation?

"It's all because of that crazy little bird," Enger said, referring to the Kirtland's warbler, the endangered songbird that nests and breeds only in the north central region of Michigan where the college is located, and which spends the winter months on only a few islands in the Bahamas.

"That bird is a natural bridge for us to the Bahamas, and we jumped at the chance to further our ties with the Bahamian people," Enger said. "The potential for a concerted educational exchange is terrific."

In fact, Kirtland has a five-year history of partially sponsoring one student from the College of Bahamas each summer to work with the U.S. Forest Service on Kirtland's warbler management projects, out of nearby Mio. It is arranged so the student arrives in mid-May, in time to give a presentation at the annual Kirtland's Warbler Festival which is hosted at the college the third Saturday of every May.

"They choose a student who has been working on Kirtland's warbler habitat research in the Bahamas," Enger explained. "When that student comes to Michigan, he or she gets a feel for all the work that is done to protect the bird on this end."

In addition to hosting the festival and helping to sponsor the Bahamian student, Kirtland also works to educate elementary school children in the Bahamas about the Kirtland's warbler by inviting them to enter drawings of the bird in a contest. The winning drawings are made into a calendar that is distributed both in Michigan and the Bahamas each year.

As a result, the kids at all three elementary schools on the island of Eleuthera, where the largest number of wintering Kirtland's warblers have been found, now know they host the world's rarest warbler. The Nature Conservancy conducts extensive habitat research there.

Enger said he hopes the exchange of Michiganian and Bahamian students will flow both ways in the future.

But for now, Bain and Knowles are breaking the ice, so to speak, by being the first Bahamian student-athletes to attend Kirtland, and they've been finding adventure both on and off the basketball court.

Bain has dived right into winter, having never before experienced the tingle of freezing air on skin. For example, there was the night-snowboarding adventure with



Evalyn Bain (L) and Shekira Knowles, both student athletes who are attending Kirtland Community College, are experiencing the adventure that comes with living in the North.

teammate Emily Henion, of Frederic, that culminated the next day in Bain's first snowmobile ride.

"It's not bad," she said of the whole winter scene. "I always wondered what it would be like."

Knowles has been a bit less enthusiastic about the cold and snow than her teammate.

"It seemed nice when we arrived, but who knew it was going to snow forever?" she said with a smile. She's a bit chagrined that she'll be packing up to leave the first week of May, just when everyone tells her the weather begins to once again turn warm.

But she is enthusiastic about the people.

"Everybody here is the same as they are at home," she said, "friendly and nice. The community is different, but nice too. I can adjust to it."

Oddly enough, it's the basketball she finds harder to adjust to. Coming from a relatively small high school league, playing against girls she'd faced for years, she's now pitted against players she's never seen and has to adjust against each opponent.

And then there are the endless practice sessions.

"The hardest part has been treating basketball as a job," Knowles said. "It's basketball six days a week." The Kirtland Firebirds' basketball season began in early November and they play, on average, two games a week, about half of them on the road in a district that spans from Alpena to Detroit.

The sport hasn't interfered with Knowles' studies, however, as she posted straight A's in her fall semester classes.

Stuck maintains a strict academic policy with the college's athletes, requiring minimum grade point averages and no excuses for not showing up for mandatory study hours.

"If your grades aren't up, you're not going to play," stated Bain about the rules. "With Coach, it's academics first, basketball second."

But oh, the basketball. "I'm so busy running up and down the court, sometimes I don't have time to think about anything else," Bain laughed about the daily grind. But she admits her skills have improved, as has her performance on the many timed drills Stuck puts them through.

The girls have stayed in touch with Lightbourn, their high school coach, and others have made sure he knows his protégés are fitting in and making the most of their Northern experience. Having made the special effort to push his girls to succeed, he's proud of what they've accomplished.

"All of the girls back here look up to Evalyn and Shekira and are

inspired by their success," Lightbourn recently wrote in an e-mail to Enger. He also included many thanks for the efforts Enger put into finding sponsors for the girls' educations.

Enger's contacts elicited two benefactors, Bill Gannon of Grayling and Pete Treboldi of Troy and Grayling, who have shouldered the bulk of the finances for Bain and Knowles. Their money, along with contributions from Lou and Roberta Black of Bloomfield Hills and Grayling, made the entire adventure possible. They understood what Enger meant when he explained the benefits of having Bain and Knowles attend Kirtland.

"Life is all about opportunities," Gannon said. "They probably didn't think they'd ever have the opportunity to get an education and to play basketball at some place like this."

"I'm fortunate to have had a lot of luck in my business career and I'm happy to have been able to give them that opportunity."

"I think the girls are wonderful representations of the type of students we'd like to attract to Kirtland," he continued. "We're very fortunate to have them here. I'm also just thrilled that Jim (Enger) has taken the lead on this. It probably wouldn't have happened if it weren't for his foresight. He felt this would be a good thing for Kirtland and the girls, and he called this one right."

"It's a great experience for everyone," Enger said. "The people who stepped up to the plate to make this happen did a wonderful thing."

Not only have the two Bahamians been given a "life-changing experience," in Knowles words, but the students and teachers at Kirtland "the little college in the woods" with an enrollment of around 2,100 receive a little flavor of the islands every time the girls speak.

"I've had a lot of fun kidding with them," said Jon Thompson who taught both the girls in his fall English class. "It's been fun to watch them as students and then to go and watch them play basketball. They bring the same energy and enthusiasm to both."

Sandra Millikin, a part-time Kirtland instructor, said she enjoyed the perspective Bain brought to her Communications class which involved the performance of numerous types of speeches.

For her demonstration speech requirement, Bain concocted a chicken-and-rice dish using a Bahamian spice blend, then served it to the students in the class. Millikin said it went over very well and was appreciated by the students.

"We have so little diversity in this area," Millikin noted. "Our students really benefit by having this type of exposure to other cultures."

What she appreciated most was Bain's work ethic. "She really worked hard to make everything clear," Millikin said, referring specifically to Bain's accent. "She has a real will to try, and to work hard to do what she knows she needs to do."

Both Bain and Knowles have come to Kirtland with pretty firm ideas about what they want in their futures. Bain has been focusing her sights for years on a career in mortuary science and Knowles would like to enter police work.

Both expressed the desire to pursue their careers in the Bahamas, but seem happy to be experiencing life away from all that sand and sunshine — they're both grateful to have been given the opportunity.

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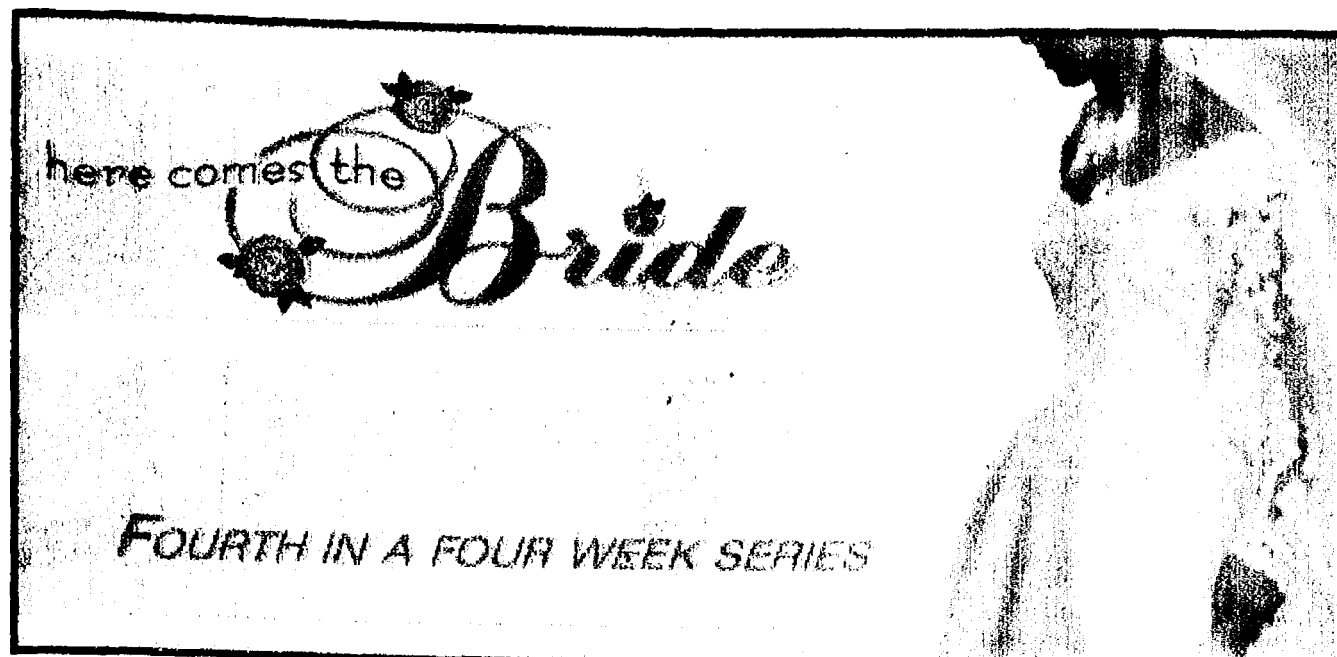
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10 to 12 Months Before

If you haven't done it already, this is a good time to announce your engagement and introduce your respective families. Since most reception halls and churches have busy wedding schedules, it is also important to book both as early as possible, preferably at least a year in advance of your wedding day. It's also a good idea to start putting together a guest list around this time and ask your parents whom they'd like to invite as well. Also, since your budget will determine just about every aspect of your wedding, sitting down and determining what you can spend, and developing a savings plan should be first and foremost.

6 to 9 Months Before

This is the time when you want to start booking some services, such as a florist, caterer, a DJ/band, and a photographer. However, some of the more experienced DJs and bands as well as photographers might have their schedules booked a year in advance, so this might be something you'll want to consider doing shortly after you get engaged and choose a date. Also, this is a good time to inform any guests who will be traveling significant distances of the date of your wedding. The earlier your guests can book a flight, the less expensive that flight will be.

This is also a good time to order gowns for both the bride and bridesmaids as some manufacturers require a few months to ship to bridal shops.

You might want to ask someone such as your priest or rabbi to be the officiant of your wedding. And much like out-of-town guests will save travel dollars the earlier they learn of your wedding date, you will likely save money, too, if you book your honeymoon around this time.

4 to 5 Months Before

This is a good time to decide on wedding invitations, of which there are many styles to choose from. Also, now is ideal to start hunting for a wedding cake by sampling a number of different bakeries and their style of cakes before ultimately making a decision. Just to be sure, confirm that all of the bridesmaids have ordered their gowns and start looking for a tuxedo for the groom as well as the groomsmen. If you haven't done so already, purchase your wedding rings and let any other people you'd like to participate in your wedding (ushers, readers during the ceremony, etc.) know of your intentions.

2 to 3 Months Before

Finalize your guest list and mail out your invitations. If your guest list includes a considerable amount of people who are spread out geographically, mail the invitations as close to 12 weeks in advance as possible. This is also a good time to finalize your menu choices for your guests, and find all your wedding accessories such as the ring pillow, candles, etc. Also, since it is tradition to provide gifts for those in the wedding party as well as the parents of the bride and groom, this is a good time to decide on and purchase those gifts. Just to be safe, confirm that all groomsmen have ordered their tuxedos and finalize all transportation, both to and from the wedding and to the airport for your honeymoon.

1 to 2 Months Before

Schedule the first bridal-gown fitting. Also finalize the readings you'd prefer during the ceremony and mail them out to anyone who has agreed to do a reading. If your family prefers to host a small gathering for close family and friends after the wedding rehearsal, the night before the wedding, this is a good time to order any food or drinks you might want to serve that night, or make a restaurant reservation.

3 to 4 Weeks Before

Confirm your honeymoon arrangements and see if your wedding rings are ready. This is also when you should get your marriage license and check the guest list to see who has and hasn't RSVP'd. For those who have yet to RSVP, you might want to contact them so you can get a closer idea of what the head count will be. You should also prepare and order your wedding program around this time.

1 to 2 Weeks Before

Get a final attendance count and submit it to the caterer as soon as you know of it, while also providing a final seating chart. Pick up the wedding gown and tuxedo. Make sure the wedding party picks up their attire. Also, finalize your vows and confirm all wedding-day details such as transportation, photo schedules, and addresses. And don't forget to pack for your honeymoon.

The Day Before

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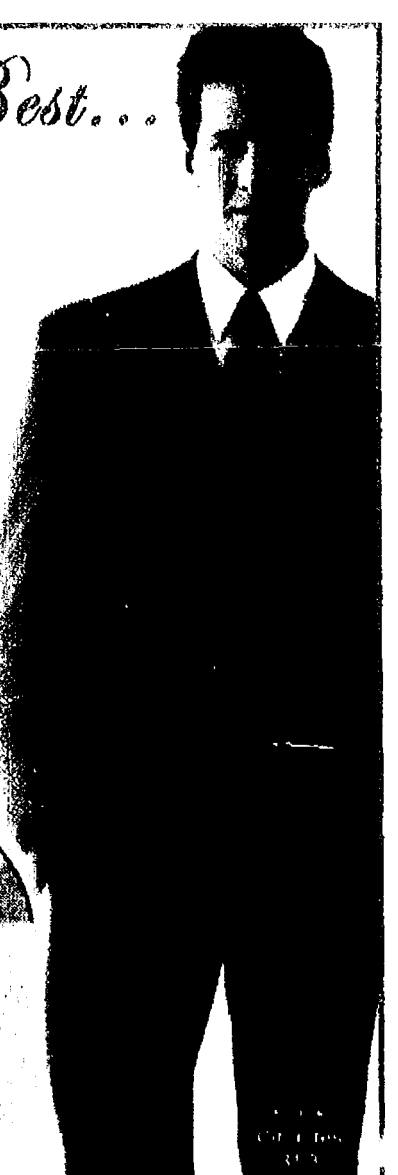
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Jive At Five came together as a group in 1992. Founding members are Tom T. Ball on upright bass, David Raffenaud on piano and organ, Mark Schrock on electric guitar and vocals, and Frank Youngman on trumpet, archtop acoustic guitar and vocals. In the spring of 2000, tenor sax veteran Gene Harris joined the group,

followed shortly thereafter by Dan Giacobassi playing saxophone and flute. Drummer Dave Zerbe rounds out the current line up.

While staying true to their swing and jazz musical mission, Jive at Five is known to be versatile and adaptable. Often credited with "bringing the event alive," Jive at Five has performed at hundreds of concerts, dances, receptions, clubs, parties and festivals over the years.

A limited amount of tickets for this dinner show are still available, for \$29.50, at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Flowers By Josie, Uptown Grayling, while supplies last. Dinner entrees include London Broil or New Zealand White Fish in a bag, Dutches Potatoes, vegetable, salad, roll, Banana's Foster with ice cream, and a non-alcoholic beverage. A cash bar will be available.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m., in the Evergreen Room at the Grayling Holiday Inn. The performance will follow dessert.

For more information on this performance or a schedule for the



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Grayling wins league battles vs. Blazers, Rams

Vikings move to 15-2 with last week's victories

■ **GHS defeats Kalkaska 73-57 and posts 70-66 win over Harbor Springs**

The GHS varsity boys basketball team won two more league games last week, boosting its conference record to 9-2 (15-2 overall) with victories over Kalkaska and Harbor Springs.

On Tuesday, the Vikings defeated the Kalkaska Blazers 73-57 at GHS.

Grayling had a 24-10 advantage at the end of the first period. The Vikings led 40-22 at halftime and took a 54-36 lead into the fourth quarter. GHS won by 16, 73-57.

"I thought that we had great balance scoring wise, if you look at how many kids shot and scored," Coach Rich Moffit said. "In the first half we were seven for 15 from three-point range. The kids did a great job of knocking down the open shots. The kids did a great job of covering up their shooters and forcing turnovers."

Ten Vikings scored points in the contest. Bobby Starks had 17 points, Steve Hodge scored 11, and Reagan Schmidt added 10. Ryan Feldhauser scored 8 and Eli VanNuck and Jim Boylan both finished with 7 points. Zach Dean, Mike Boylan, Ronnie Johnston, and Justin Summers also scored points for the Vikings.

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Photo by Caleb Casey

Steve Hodge handles the ball for Grayling vs. Kalkaska on Tuesday.

Two Vikings qualify for state ski finals

■ **Baynham places 1st in slalom; Pizzi finishes 7th in slalom and 6th in GS**

Two Vikings skiers - Katie Baynham and Cassie Pizzi - qualified for the state ski finals with their finishes at last Thursday's regional meet at Crystal Mountain.

"Conditions played a big factor in the day's race. We faced everything from humming winds, to a bunch of fresh snow, to an electric storm," Coach Brad Wagner said.

Grayling's boys team finished 9th overall at regionals.

In slalom, the Vikings were led by Jimmy Hilbrecht with an 18th place finish. In giant slalom (GS), Grayling was led by Andrew Hart, who finished 15th, which was good enough to place him on the all-region team.

"Andrew put two good GS runs together in the morning's event. He just missed qualifying for the state championship by 0.54 of a second," Coach Wagner said.

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Katie Baynham (left) and Cassie Pizzi (right) recently placed high enough at regionals to qualify for the upcoming state ski finals.

Wrestling squad hosts team districts

■ **Grayling falls to Roscommon in round one of District 167 tournament**

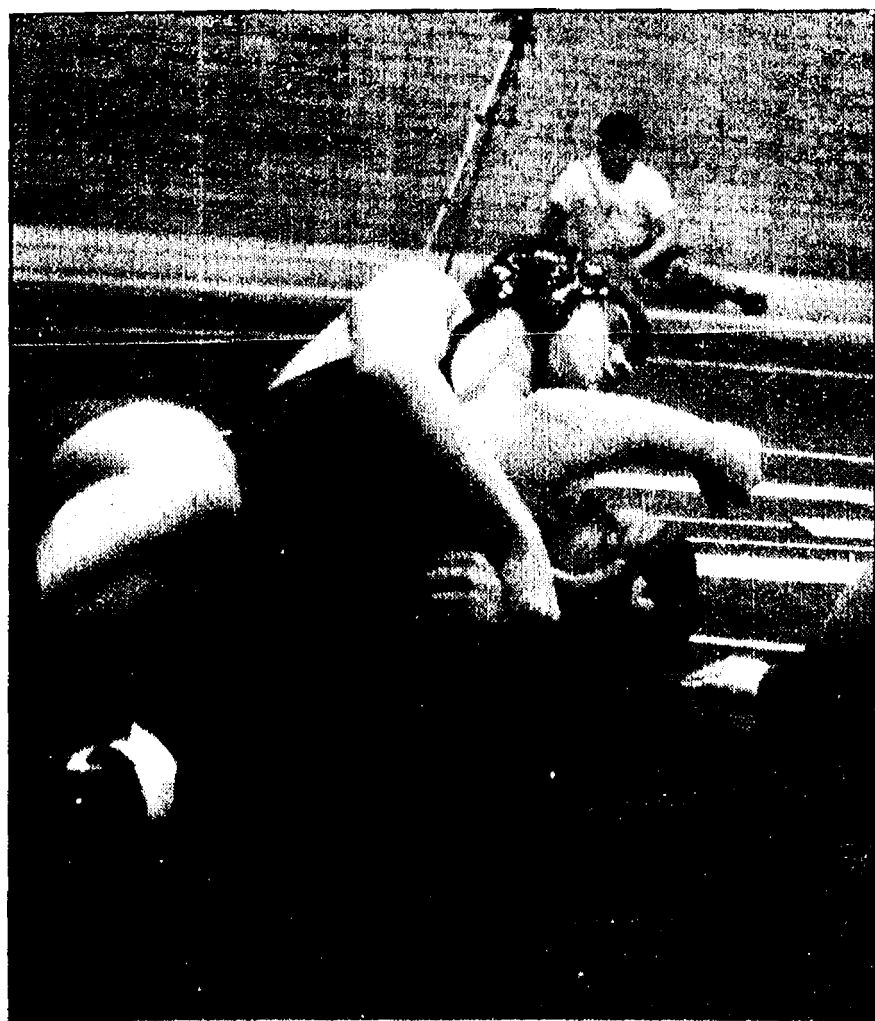
On Wednesday, the GHS wrestling squad hosted a Michigan High School Athletic Association team district event at Grayling Middle School. The meet - to determine the District 167 champion - featured squads from Grayling, Roscommon, Cheboygan, and Houghton Lake.

The Vikings faced the Roscommon Bucks in the first round, starting with the 135-pound weight class.

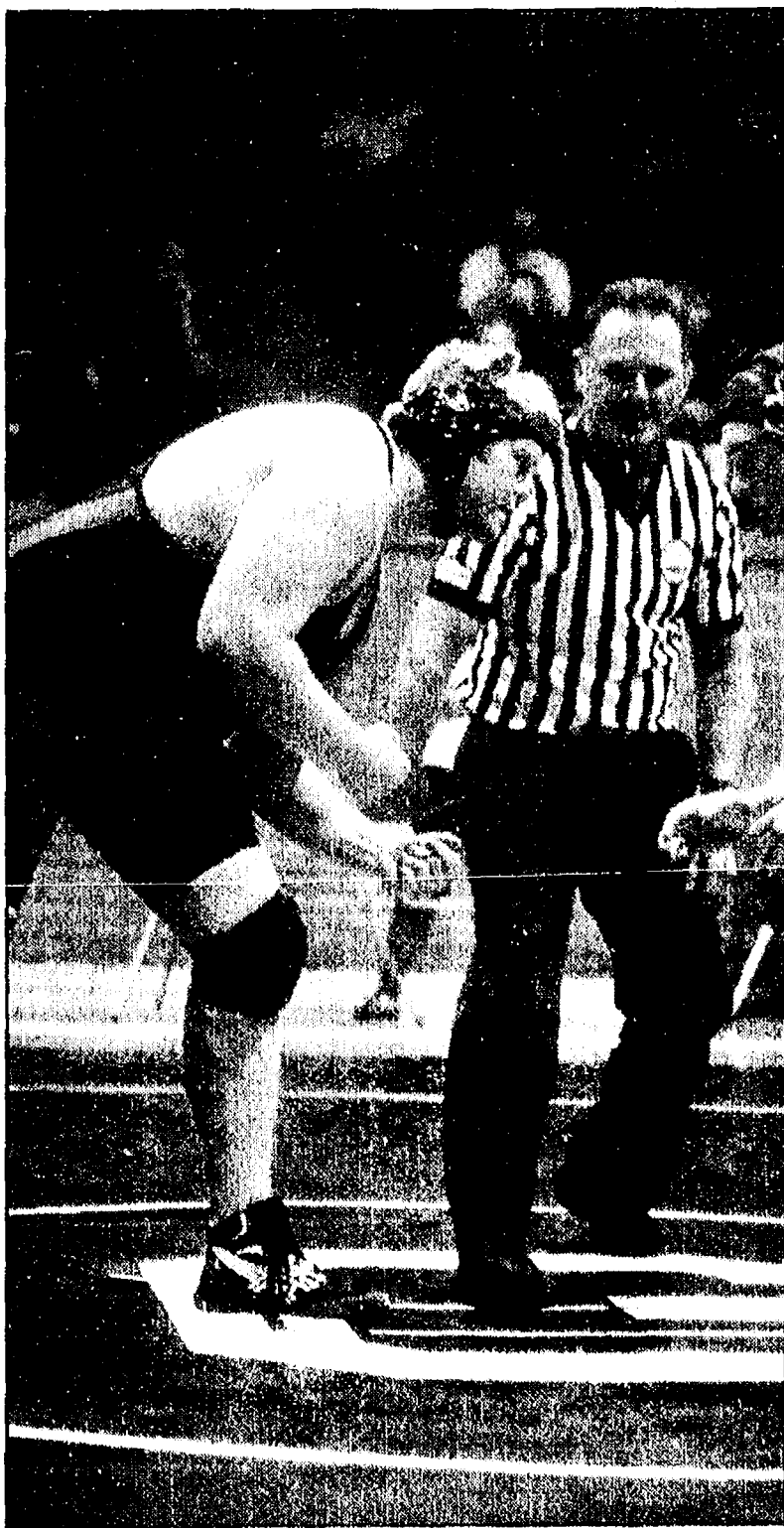
Roscommon scored pins in the second round in both the 135-pound division and the 140-pound weight class to take a 12-0 lead. The Bucks won a 16-5 decision at 145. Roscommon pinned Grayling's 152-pound wrestler to lead 22-0.

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See "WRESTLING..."



Eric Madill (171) tries for a pin against Roscommon on Wednesday night.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Bill Stewart (heavyweight) faces a Roscommon opponent at team districts on Wednesday.

JV team defeats Harbor Springs 63-61 in overtime

■ **Vikings outscore Rams 4-2 in overtime to win Friday night's game**

Grayling defeated the Harbor Springs Rams 63-61 in overtime in last Friday's junior varsity boys basketball contest at GHS.

Harbor Springs led 21-15 after one quarter but the Vikings had a 36-26 lead at halftime. The

Rams trailed Grayling 43-40 going into the fourth period.

With Harbor Springs leading by two, Richard Schreiber stole the ball and scored a fast break lay-up for GHS to tie the score at 59-59 with 39 seconds left in regulation. With time winding down, Harbor Springs tried for a late jump shot to win it, but the


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See "JV TEAM DEFEATS..."



Josh Stapleton drives to the basket for the JV Vikings on Friday night.

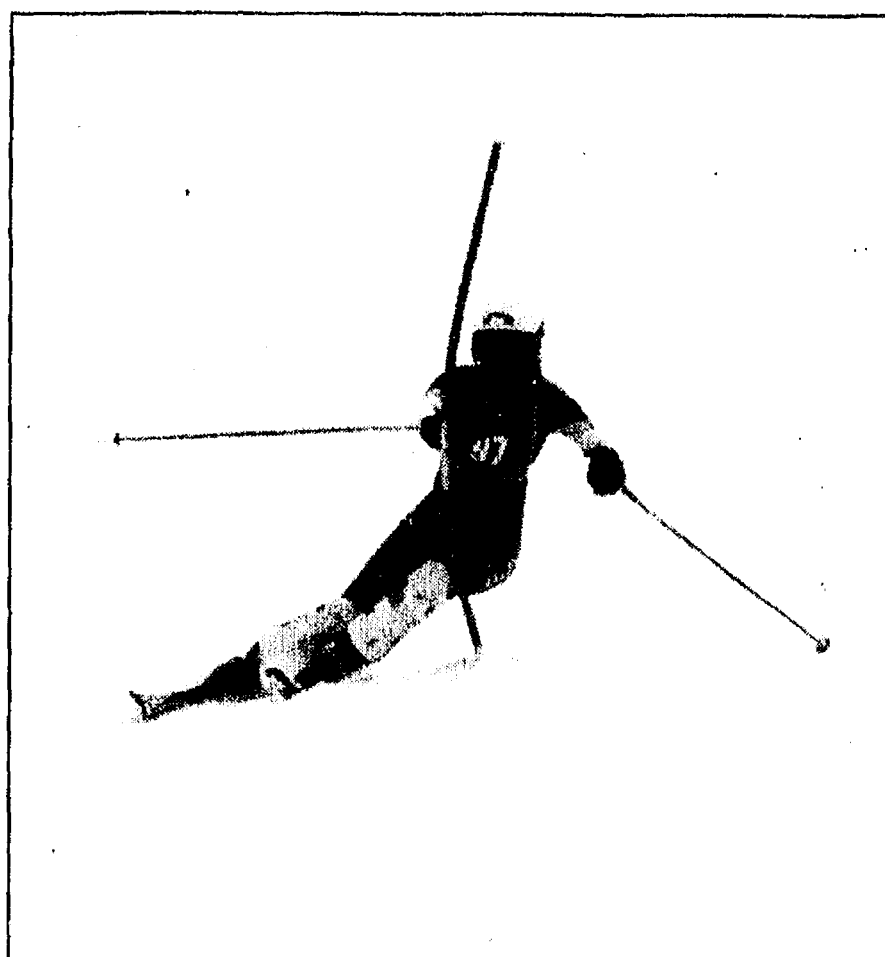
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State qualifiers Katie Baynham (left) and Cassie Pizzi (right) compete in slalom for the Vikings.

Two Vikings qualify for state ski finals

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"Our girls had a really good day also. The big deal of the day was Katie Baynham winning the regional slalom championship. She finished 1st overall in slalom. Only two other Grayling skiers have done that: Herb Olson and Karen Reynolds. Katie was in 2nd place after her first run and put more than a half second on her competition on her second run to win. Cassie Pizzi also had a great day by placing 7th in slalom. Hannah Smith placed 25th to further help out the girls. After the morning slalom the girls were in 3rd place," Coach Wagner said.

"GS hurt us. Conditions were part of it, but everyone had to deal with the same stuff. Katie led the charge on her first run and blew a shoe, so we DQed our first skier, leaving us some work to do. When it was all done, we had lost 3 of our five skiers in GS - apparently we had some voodoo against us. The high point was Cassie Pizzi overcoming rugged conditions to finish 6th overall, earning her a spot in the state championships for both events. Hannah Smith also had a great showing in GS finishing 19th overall. The girls team finished 6th overall in the region," Coach Wagner said.

"It's so groovy that Katie won the slalom regional. She's a great kid to be around and deserves this victory after a trying season. She's skiing on a bad wheel and just skied real smart to win," Coach Wagner said.

Paul Olson
Municipal Undersecretary of Michigan


Vikings of the Week



Katie Baynham Cassie Pizzi

Skiing
Coach: Mike Wieland
KATIE BAYNHAM & CASSIE PIZZI

Katie and Cassie both finished high enough at regionals to qualify for the state finals. Katie took 1st in slalom and Cassie qualified in both slalom and GS, finishing 7th and 6th. "Winning regionals is a big deal. Katie skied past some girls that were on the state championship team from last year," Coach Wagner said.



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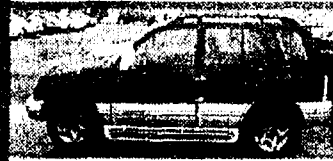









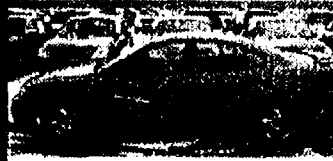

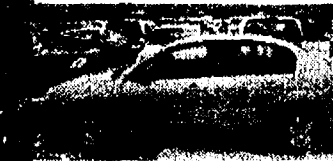



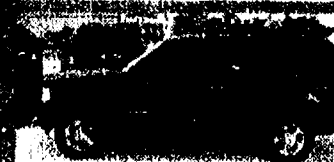





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Grayling wins league battles vs. Blazers, Rams

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J. Boylan and M. Boylan had 7 rebounds apiece. Schmidt and Starks each had 4 rebounds. Starks, Hodge, and Schmidt all finished with 4 assists apiece. Schmidt had 2 steals.

On Friday night, Grayling posted a 70-66 victory over the Harbor Springs Rams at GHS.

The Vikings led 18-9 after one quarter and had a 38-22 halftime lead. Grayling took a 53-36 advantage into the fourth period.

Harbor Springs battled back and pulled within three with 21

seconds left in regulation with a three-point shot. The Rams fouled Schmidt to stop the clock, and he converted both free throws to put the Vikings up by five. Harbor Springs fouled on a loose ball situation and VanNuck hit both free throws. The Rams hit a three-pointer at the buzzer, but Grayling won by four, 70-66.

VanNuck had 32 points, 7 steals, and 5 rebounds for GHS. Schmidt had 9 points, 4 steals, and 7 rebounds. Starks had 8 rebounds, 5 steals, and 5 points. Feldhauser had 8 points and 5

steals. M. Boylan had 8 points and 5 rebounds. J. Boylan had 9 rebounds and 4 points. Dean and Hodge also scored points for the Vikings.

"I thought that we played well in the first three quarters. We really moved the ball well in the first three quarters and found the open shooters," Coach Moffit said. "We struggled in the fourth quarter. We didn't play with a sense of urgency. We relaxed and didn't play with the same intensity."

Grayling plays at Kalkaska on

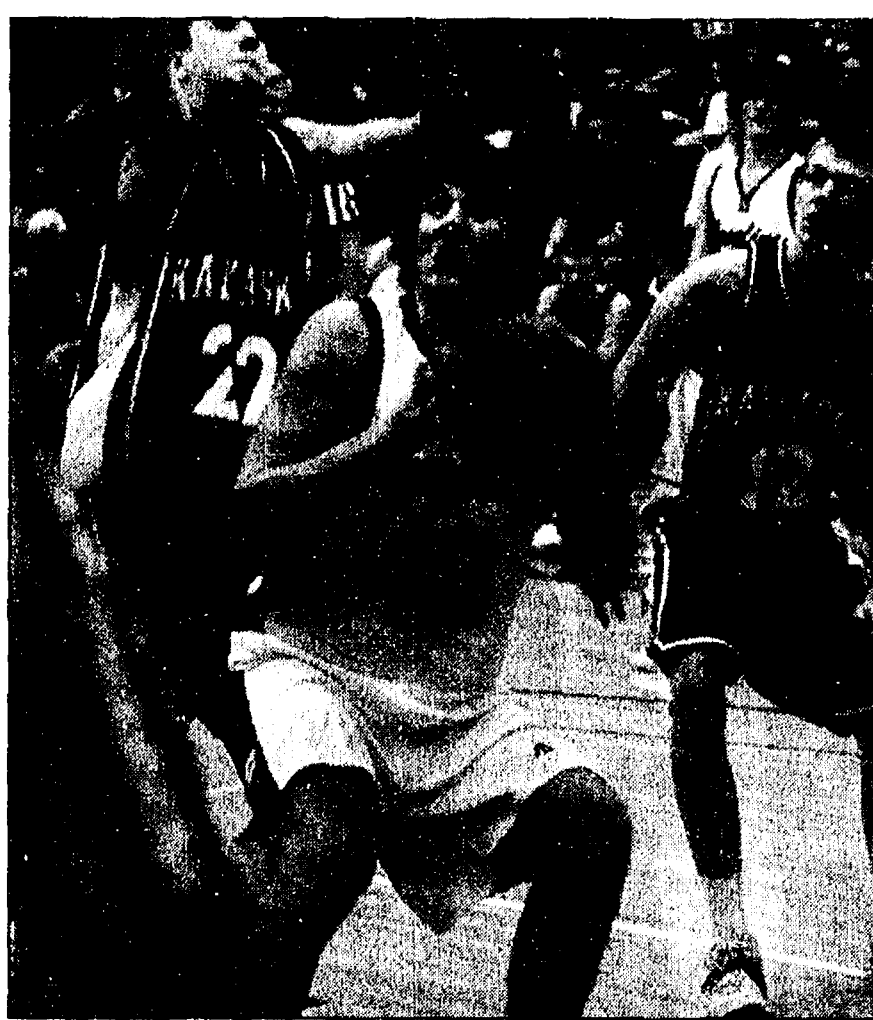
Friday, Feb. 24.

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, the Vikings will host Traverse City St. Francis in Grayling's regular season finale.

The Vikings open their post-season schedule with a round one district game vs. Elk Rapids on Monday, March 6, at 6 p.m. at Cheboygan High School. The winner plays Kalkaska on Wednesday, March 8, at 6 p.m. in the district semifinals. The district championship game will be held on Friday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at Cheboygan.



Eli VanNuck controls the ball for the Vikings during Tuesday's game vs. Kalkaska.



Zach Dean looks to shoot for GHS in last week's game against Kalkaska.

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(Left) Ryan Feldhauser shoots a free throw during Friday's contest against Harbor Springs. (Right) Jim Boylan looks for an open teammate vs. Kalkaska.



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Recreation League

American Legion . . . 31 - 9
Woody Girls . . . 26 - 14
Gr. Nursing Center . . . 23 - 17
Mickey Perez, CPA . . . 22 - 18
Hawk Ridge . . . 18 - 22
Days Inn . . . 16 - 24
Coldwell Banker . . . 14 - 26
Glen's Market . . . 10 - 30
High Series: M. Starks, 563; T. Benardo, 559; B. Wheeler, 503.
High Game: M. Starks, 211; T. Benardo, 204; B. Wheeler, 194.

Senior Bowling

Spike's . . . 61 - 35
Flowers By Josie . . . 55.5 - 40.5
Kicking Grass . . . 52 - 44
Grayling Pharmacy . . . 49.5 - 46.5
Stitches By Sue . . . 46 - 50
Bear's Den Pizza . . . 43 - 53
Lone Pine . . . 42 - 54
Sylvester's Sports . . . 35 - 61
High Series Women: C. Clark, 562; D. Doremire, 445; M. Ryssio, 437.
High Game Women: C. Clark, 201; D. Doremire, 175; P. Harris, 170.
High Series Men: B. Hollis, 612; G. Wolfe, 526; L. Crampton, 520.
High Game Men: B. Hollis, 212; O. Brantley, 205; L.

Crampton, 202.

Pioneer League

McDonald's . . . 21 - 3
Chemical Bank . . . 16 - 8
Grayling Rest . . . 15 - 9
Thad Pooley Painting . . . 14 - 10
Cal Dutton Const. . . . 13 - 11
AJD Forest . . . 9 - 15
Spicy Bob's . . . 6 - 18
Tim's Collision . . . 2 - 22
High Series: K. Moshier, 540; H. Stairs, 485; T. Benardo, 471.
High Game: K. Moshier, 211; H. Stairs, 205; M. Cole and T. Rock, 179.

Friday Mixed Doubles

IMM . . . 23 - 17
American Legion . . . 23 - 17
Lucky & Laura's . . . 22 - 18
New "Kids" . . . 22 - 18
Double Trouble . . . 15 - 25
Moshier Auto Repair . . . 14 - 26
High Series Men: D. Canfield, 625; P. Benardo, 593; D. Williamson, 572.
High Game Men: D. Williamson, 242; D. Canfield, 224; R. Trudeau, 212.
High Series Women: J. Williamson, 512; S. Johnson, 471; P. Benardo, 443.
High Game Women: J. Williamson,

189; S. Johnson, 176; P. Benardo, 175.

American Men's League

McLeans ACE . . . 37 - 12
Canfield's . . . 29 - 20
Grayling Chiropractic . . . 29 - 20
Fenton's Auto Serv. . . . 24 - 25
Derwich Ind . . . 21 - 28
Scheer Motors . . . 20 - 29
GADCO . . . 20 - 29
Moore's Auto . . . 16 - 33
High Series: T. Kotrash, 644; Larry Davis, 635; Lance Davis, 620.
High Game: Larry Davis, 245; Lance Davis, 243; T. Kotrash, 237.

Northwood League

Tim's Collision . . . 26 - 10
Bud Lite Babes . . . 21 - 15
Great Lk Mortgage . . . 20 - 16
Choppers Spare . . . 19 - 17
Carey & Jaskowski . . . 18 - 18
Tree Huggers . . . 18 - 18
Hart Pontiac . . . 13 - 23
Scott McNamara . . . 9 - 27
High Series: P. Benardo, 504; N. Roman, 493; C. Ludwig, 489.
High Game: N. Roman, 202; C. Ludwig, 191; M. Jankowski, 180.

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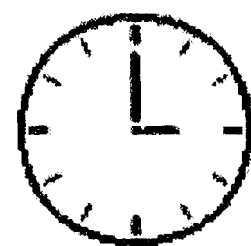
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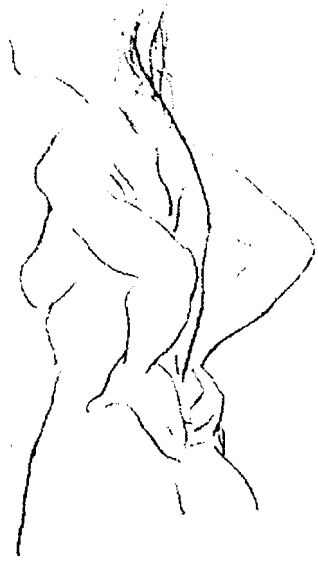
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JV team defeats Harbor Springs 63-61 in overtime

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shot missed. Schreiber rebounded and called timeout with 0.8 of a second remaining. The Vikings got the ball in bounds and got a three-point shot off, but the ball didn't go in.

Grayling scored the first basket of overtime with an inside shot by Rocky McNamara. Harbor Springs tied the score at 61-61 with a jump shot at the 1:44 mark. With five seconds left in overtime, Schreiber scored on a drive to the basket to give Grayling a two-point lead. The Rams' three-point shot at the buzzer hit the rim and bounced to the floor. The Vikings held on for a 63-61 victory.

"We played a great team game," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "The kids won the game because of their defense and composure on offense. We only had 13 turnovers for the game and made several key stops on

defense at the end of the game. It's always nice to beat a team that outscored us by over 30 early in the season."

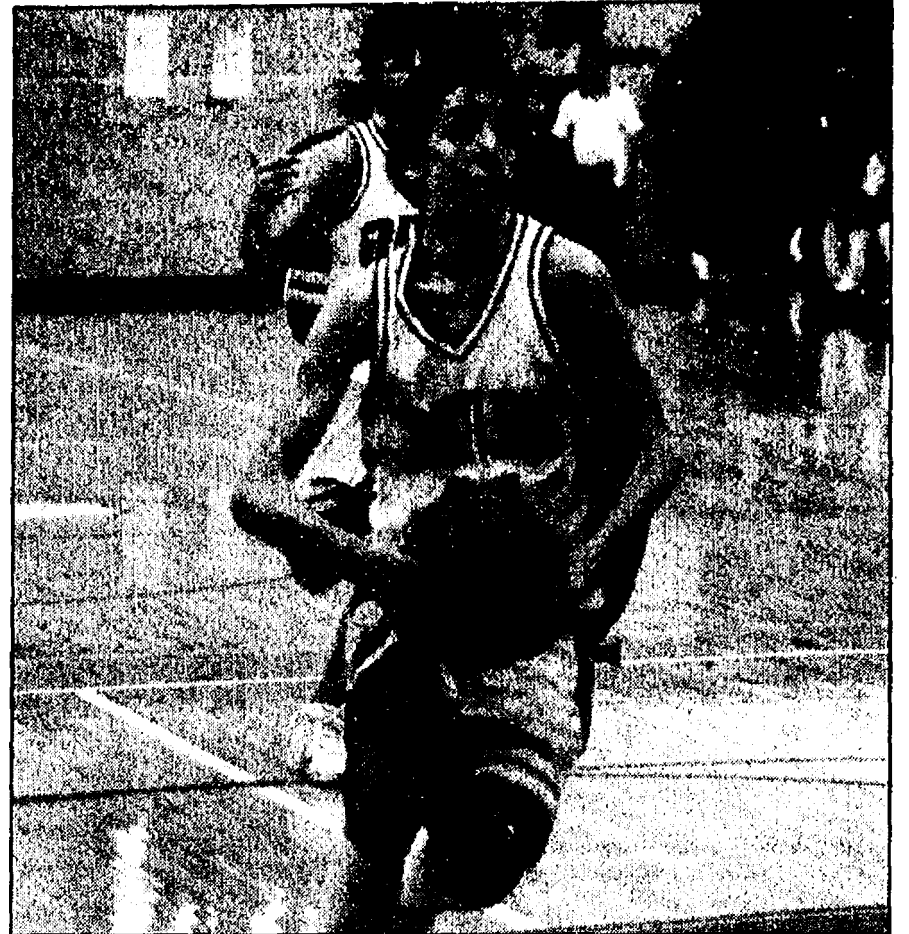
Schreiber had 15 points, 14 deflections, and 6 steals for the Vikings. McNamara had 10 points, Jason Drudge scored 9, and Isaac VanNuck finished with 8.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost to Kalkaska 69-62 at GHS.

The score was tied at halftime, 30-30. Kalkaska led by one, 47-46, going into the fourth period. The Blazers pulled away in the fourth quarter to win by seven.

Drudge had 15 points and 10 deflections for the Vikings. McNamara had 12 points and 6 rebounds. Schreiber had 11 points and 8 deflections. Josh Stapleton scored 8 points. Matt McDonald had 9 rebounds and 3 points for GHS.

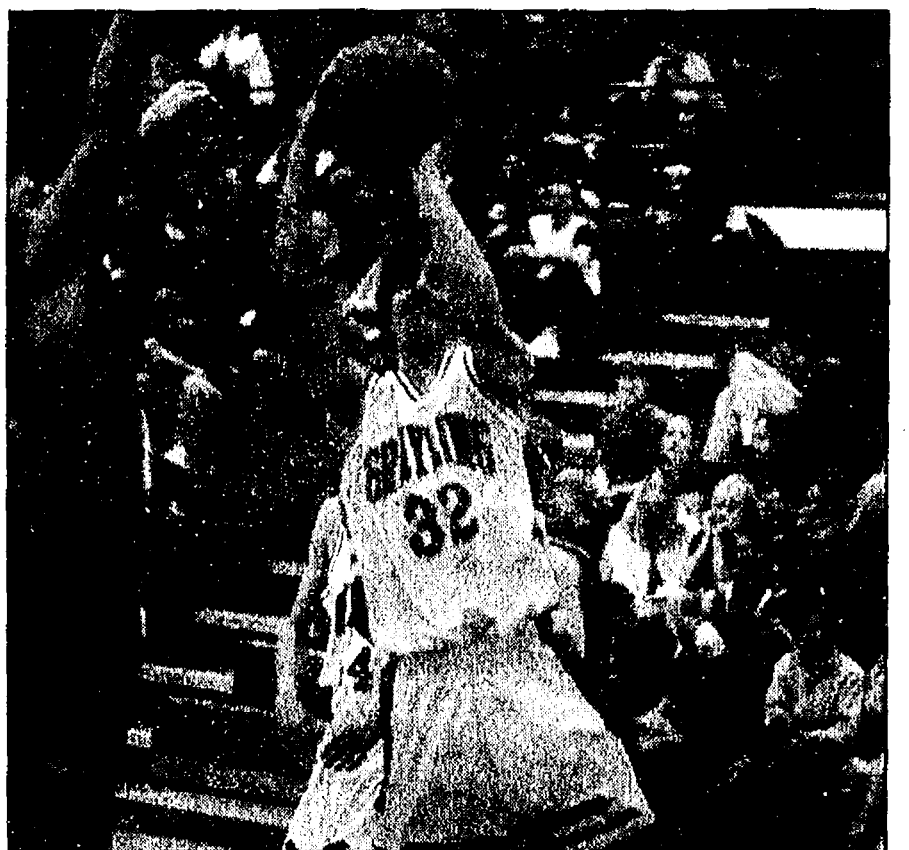
The Vikings play at Kalkaska on Friday, Feb. 24.



Richard Schreiber drives in for a lay-up vs. the Harbor Springs Rams last week.



Ryan Cooper sets up in the paint for a rebound opportunity on Friday vs. Harbor Springs.

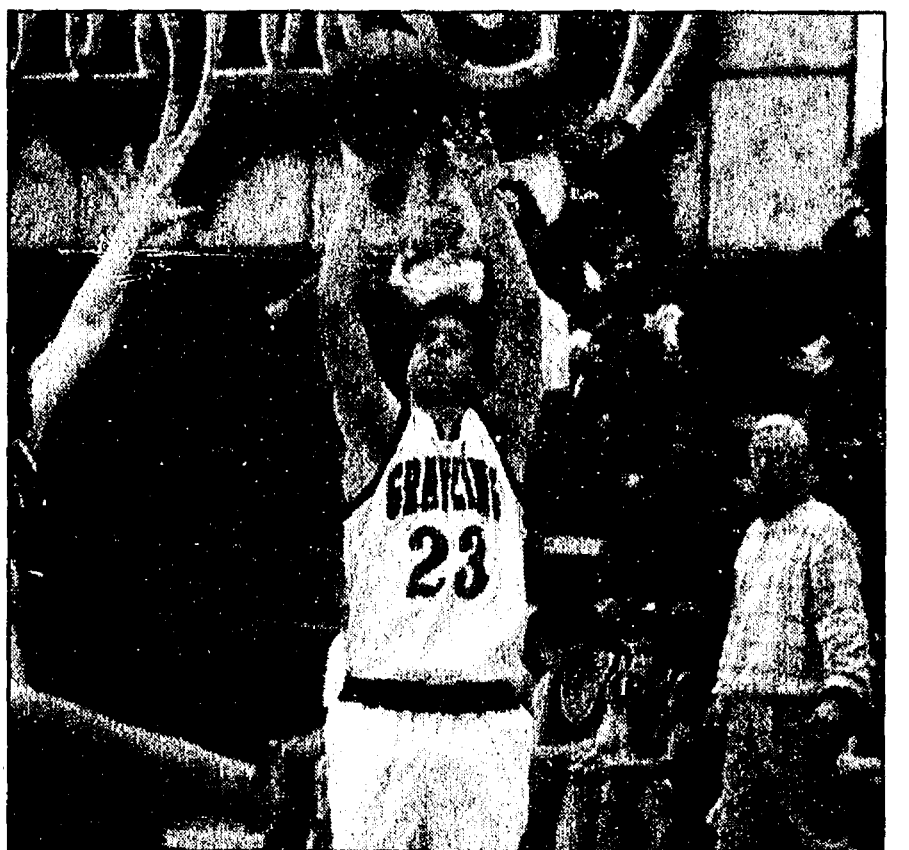


Jason Drudge takes an inside shot for the Vikings against the Rams on Friday.

9th graders win vs. Rams 58-35



(Left) Spencer Dean looks for an open teammate in last Friday's freshman boys basketball game against the Harbor Springs Rams. (Right) Dustin Russo shoots for Grayling vs. the Rams. GHS won the game 58-35.



LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

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GRAYLING, MI 49738

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendants RICHARD KAHN AND JILL KAHN cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):

d. PUBLISHING IN THE LEGAL

NEWS FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAW-

FORD IN FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE

WEEKS.

3. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

Date 1/30/06

Judge Murphy

-16-23-2

LEGAL ACTION

Notice Of Mortgage Sale

Default having been made in the conditions of certain Mortgages, the first such Mortgage having been made by MICHAEL J. WARGO and KELLY M. WARGO, his wife, whose address is 7671 W. May Lake Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration

(now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with an office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated August 20, 1985 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on August 21, 1985 in Liber 237 of Crawford County Records on Pages 377 through 380, inclusive, and the second such Mortgage being made by Kelly Wargo to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, such Mortgage being dated September 10, 1990 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on September 10, 1990 in Liber 315 of Crawford County Records on Pages 214 through 217, inclusive, and it further appearing that Kelly M. Wargo (now known as Kelly M. Verlinde) is the record owner of the mortgaged premises hereinafter; and by reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgages due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgages there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED

FOURTEEN AND 41/100 (\$117,614.41) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgages, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgages has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgages and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said Mortgages will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises herein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on **Wednesday**

March 15, 2006 at 10:00 o' clock, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgages together with 11 and 3/8ths percent interest on the first Mortgage and 9.0 percent interest on the second Mortgage, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are describe in said Mortgages as follows to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Frederic, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, lying South of the County Road. (Also Commonly known as 7671 W. May Lake Road, Frederic Michigan, 49733; tax no. 030-002-005-125-00.)

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale unless property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the

date of sale. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Further information with regard to this foreclosure contact the Community Development Manager at the local office of Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (989) 345-4010, ext. 4.

Dated: January 31, 2006
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

Robert J. Zitta (P22749)
Attorney for Mortgagee
SCHEUERLE & ZITTA
300 Washington Street
P.O. Box 212
Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 842-1470

-9-16-23-2

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW / ZONING BOARD / BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 13, 2006 from 9:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00 and on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Any correspondence can be sent to 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 or call (989) 348-9215.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township:

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.000
Commercial	50.00	1.000
Residential	50.00	1.000
Personal	50.00	1.000

The Budget hearing for the General, Landfill and Liquor Fund Budgets for fiscal year 2006-2007 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will meet for their regularly scheduled meeting at 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. at the town hall on Monday, April 3, 2006.

Fred Schaubly
Lovells Township Supervisor

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 7, 2006 at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Mon., March 13, 2006 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 16, 2006 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd..

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATIONS	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

PUBLIC NOTICE

Frederic Township Property Owners

Frederic Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting at 4:30 pm on March 7, 2006. The Board of Review will then meet to hear individual tax assessment appeals as per the following schedule.

March 14, 2006 2 pm-5 pm and 6 pm-9 pm
March 18, 2006 9 am-12 pm and 1-4 pm

Each of these meetings will take place in the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd. 612 - Frederic, MI 49733.

Jeff Kea
Supervisor

Beaver Creek Township 2006 Board of Review Notice and Meeting Schedule

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review for 2006 will be held at the:
Beaver Creek Township Office
8888 S. Grayling Road
Grayling, MI 49738

Tuesday, March 7, 2006 7:00 P.M.
Organizational Meeting

Appeal Hearings:
Monday, March 13, 2006,
9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon & 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 16, 2006,
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2006 assessments.

Property owners may protest by mail, provided protest letter is received at the township office prior to March 16, 2006.

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven (7) days notice.
Contact: Lee Riley at the Beaver Creek Township Office
Phone 989-275-8878 Fax 989-275-9965
bcv@freeway.net

NOTICE

City of Grayling Board of Review

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 7th, at 7:00 PM.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Wednesday, March 15th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM; Friday, March 17th, 1:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real and personal property within the City of Grayling for 2006, are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Developmental	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The City of Grayling will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Grayling.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Grayling by writing or calling the following:

Christie Verlac, Assessor
1020 City Blvd.
P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738
(989)348-2131

Christie Verlac, Assessor

2006 CRAWFORD COUNTY TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS

CLASS	ASSESSED	EQUALIZED	RATIOS	FACTORS
BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005				
101 Agricultural	286,300	292,210	48.99	1.0206
201 Commercial	4,303,300	4,375,941	49.17	1.0169
301 Industrial	12,941,200	12,941,200	50.00	1.0000
401 Residential	58,033,600	62,147,783	46.69	1.0709
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	75,564,400	79,757,134		
TOTAL PERSONAL	24,697,000	24,693,797	50.01	0.9998
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	100,261,400	104,450,931		
FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005				
101 Agricultural	5,350,100	5,350,100	50.00	1.0000
201 Commercial	2,786,800	2,339,490	59.56	0.8395
301 Industrial	404,600	438,258	46.16	1.0832
401 Residential	59,763,600	62,645,283	47.70	1.0482
501 Timber Cut-Over	1,848,300	1,974,258	46.81	1.0681
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	70,153,400	72,747,389		
TOTAL PERSONAL	6,878,488	6,878,540	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	77,031,888	79,625,929		
GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005				
101 Agricultural	2,159,900	2,159,900	50.00	1.0000
201 Commercial	8,710,700	8,523,190	51.10	0.9785
301 Industrial	24,230,800	24,544,976	49.36	1.0130
401 Residential	205,484,100	216,572,618	47.44	1.0540
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	240,585,500	251,800,684		
TOTAL PERSONAL	6,141,600	6,141,270	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	246,727,100	257,941,954		
LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005				
101 Agricultural	4,509,500	4,509,500	50.00	1.0000
201 Commercial	1,500,200	1,349,586	55.58	0.8996
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	62,400,700	66,046,465	47.24	1.0584
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	68,410,400	71,905,551		
TOTAL PERSONAL	3,924,100	3,923,319	50.01	0.9998
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	72,334,500	75,828,870		
MAPLE FOREST - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005				
101 Agricultural	332,900	332,900	50.00	1.0000
201 Commercial	988,400	1,059,833	46.63	1.0723
301 Industrial	1,537,600	1,631,233	47.13	1.0609
401 Residential	24,191,900	26,352,832	45.90	1.0893
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	27,050,800	29,376,798		
TOTAL PERSONAL	1,378,030	1,378,030	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	28,428,830	30,754,828		
SOUTH BRANCH - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005				
101 Agricultural	3,483,600	3,483,600	50.00	1.0000
201 Commercial	4,371,800	3,947,093	55.38	0.9029
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	110,212,300	113,550,690	48.53	1.0303
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	578,200	600,042	48.18	1.0378
TOTAL REAL	118,645,900	121,581,425		
TOTAL PERSONAL	3,079,000	3,079,147	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	121,724,900	124,660,572		
CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	31,999,600	32,303,251	49.53	1.0095
301 Industrial	6,491,300	7,000,971	46.36	1.0785
401 Residential	21,364,400	21,769,309	49.07	1.0190
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	41,600	44,133	47.13	1.0609
TOTAL REAL	58,896,900	61,117,684		
TOTAL PERSONAL	7,046,900	7,046,900	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	66,943,800	68,164,584		

Prepared by: Crawford County Equalization Department

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel K. Smith and Christine W. Smith, husband and wife, to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank, FSB, mortgagee, dated February 18, 2000 and recorded March 14, 2000 in Liber 503, Page 278, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank National Association, f/k/a LaSalle

National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated June 1, 2000 among AFC Trust Series 2000-2, as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB, as Seller Servicer and LaSalle Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee. AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Baked Notes, Series 2000-2 and any amendments thereto by assignment dated march 21, 2002 and recorded on March 10, 2003 in Liber 623, Page 101, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Two and 15/100 Dollars (\$35,002.15) including interest at the rate of 14.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State

of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 29, 2006.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West one-half of the East one-half of the West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Together with right of ingress and egress from Highway M-72 over a strip of land 66 feet wide, lying 33 feet on each side of the North and South one-quarter line of said Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. Mobil Home Manufacturer Redman Year 1992 model # 11240842 length 16 width 69

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: February 23, 2006
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for LaSalle Bank National Association, f/k/a LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated June 1, 2000 among AFC Trust Series 2000-2, as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB, as Seller Servicer and LaSalle Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee. AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Baked Notes, Series 2000-2 and any amendments thereto As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 199.2512
nab

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles Rodney Bardoní and

Jamesina P Bardoní, tenants by entirety, original mortgagor(s), to NBD Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 18, 1999, and recorded on April 6, 1999 in Liber 478 on Page 248, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eight And 71/100 Dollars (\$49,308.71), including interest at 7.74% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 29, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing on the Southwest corner of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Township 25 North, Range 2 West; Thence East on Section Line between Sections 28 and 33, for a distance of 132 feet; thence North at right angles 1320 feet; thence West at right angles 132 feet; thence South on West 1/8 line 1320 feet to place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: February 23, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC G 248.593.1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #080705F01

-23-2-9-16

MORTGAGE SALE

The firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage. The mortgage was made by Monte G. Malonen, a single man, whose last known address was 525 Crescent Place, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture now known as United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, dated August 4, 2000 and recorded December 5, 2000 in Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 524, Pages 157, 158, 159, 160 161 & 162. There is claimed to be due to the United States of America as of January 9, 2006 the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen and 13/100 (\$71,917.13) Dollars including interest at 7.375 per annum. Interest is \$7.375 per day.

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Lovells Township has two terms on the Zoning Board and two terms on the Zoning Board of Appeals that will be completed April 1, 2006. Any resident interested in applying for either of these board positions please call the Township Supervisor by March 14, 2006 at 348-9215 or stop by the township offices on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

CRAWFORD COUNTY BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

TO: PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PU060001 Requesting Home Occupation Approval per section #20.21 to Metal Powder Coat in his garage.

Petitioner: Rodney Adams
117 Dewberry Lane
Roscommon, MI 49853

The above case refers to the following described property:
117 Dewberry Lane
Roscommon, MI 48653

Property Code: 064-161-000-054-01
Legal Decs. The E1/2 LOT 53 & ENTIRE LOT 54, BER-MAR WOODS NO. 2.
Zoning-District: RR
Township: South Branch

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph J. Duran - Director

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged property, or some part thereof, at public venue, at Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on **MARCH 1, 2006.**

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and described as follows:

Lot 37, Grayling Manor, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall by thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

Dated: January 18, 2005
David L. Porteous
Attorney for Mortgagee
PORTEOUS LAW OFFICE, P.C.
4393 - 220th Avenue, P.O. Box 206
Reed City, MI 49677
(231) 832-3231

-2-9-16-23

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Tim A. Thiel, a single man, and Paul N. Thiel, a single man, mortgagors, to Independent Bank, f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated January 18, 2002, and was recorded on June 20, 2002, in Liber 585 on pages 65 through 68 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$31,058.51, including interest at 8.75% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as:

Parcel 33: A parcel of land on part of the

East half of Section 8, T25N, R3W, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East Quarter corner of said Section 8; thence N89°48'29"W, 299.59 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence S80°52'01"W, 3.34 feet; thence N01°12'41"E, 395.35 feet; thence N81°49'34"E, 202.71 feet; thence S01°12'41"W, 391.94 feet; thence S80°52'01"W, 197.27 feet to the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO an easement for ingress, egress and public utilities over and across the Southerly 33 feet thereof.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless it is determined that the property is abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 19, 2006
SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank, f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brenda Manchester, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2005, and recorded on September 1, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 228, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Four And 83/100 Dollars (\$59,634.83), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 22, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on Section line, 104 feet for Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East, 164 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East, 70 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West, 164 feet to Section line; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West, 70 feet to Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan.

And also, commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on Section line, 33 feet for Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East, 164 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East, 71 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West, 164 feet to Section line, thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West, 71 feet to Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 16, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC H 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #082782F01

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CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION VACANCY

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE HOUSING COMMISSION.

APPLICATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO BE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND TO HAVE A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE HOUSING STOCK FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MANY DECISIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE AT MONTHLY MEETINGS. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2006 AT 3:30 P.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON LINE THRU www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
FEBRUARY 8, 2006

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2006, until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 18th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis" and can also protest by mail or fax to (989) 348-6713

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	50.00
Industrial	50.00
Residential	50.00

Terry Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk

Lovells Township Amendment to Land Division Ordinance

SECTION V APPLICATION FOR LAND DIVISION APPROVAL

An applicant shall file all the following with the Township Assessor or other official designated by the governing body for review and approval of a proposed land division before making any division either by deed, land contact, lease for more than one year, or for building development:

- A completed application form on such form as may be approved by the Township Board.
- Proof of fee ownership of the land proposed to be divided.
- A survey including an accurate legal description of each proposed division, and showing the boundary lines, approximate dimensions, and the accessibility of each division from existing or proposed public roads for automobile traffic and public utilities.
- Proof that all standards of the State Land Division Act and this Ordinance have been met.
- The history and specifications of the land proposed to be divided sufficient to establish that the proposed division complies with Section 108 of the State Land Division Act.
- If a transfer of division rights is proposed in the land transfer, detailed information about the terms and availability of the proposed division rights transfer.
- Unless a division creates a parcel which is acknowledged and declared in the instrument of conveyance to be "not a development site", all divisions shall result in "buildable" parcels with sufficient area to comply with all required setback provisions, minimum floor areas, off-street parking spaces, approved on-site sewage disposal and water well locations (where public water and sewer service is not available), access to existing public utilities and public roads, and maximum allowed area coverage of buildings and structures on the site. Declared agricultural land and land for forestry use shall not be subject to the foregoing as "development sites" as provided in the State Land Division Act at Section 102.
- The fee as may from time to time be established by resolution of the governing body of the Township for land division reviews pursuant to this Ordinance to cover the costs of review of the application and administration of this Ordinance and the State Land Division Act.
- Land Divisions must be completed within one year from the date the application was approved by the Township Assessor or official designated by governing body. Land Divisions not completed before expiration of application are subject to new application and fees.

SECTION VIII CONSEQUENCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH LAND DIVISION APPROVAL REQUIREMENT, PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

Any division of land in violation of this Ordinance shall not be recognized as a land division on the Township tax roll or assessment roll until the assessing officer refers the suspected violation or potential non-conformity to the county prosecuting attorney and gives written notice to the person requesting the division, and the person suspected of the violation or potential non-conformity of such referral to the prosecuting attorney. The Township shall further have the authority to initiate injunctive or other relief to prevent any violation or continuance of any violation of this Ordinance. Any division of land in violation of this Ordinance shall further not be eligible for any zoning or building permit for any construction or improvement thereto.

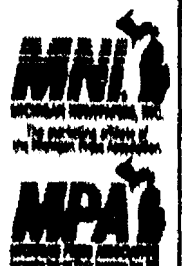
In addition, any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statute which shall be punishable by a civil fine of not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars along with costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which the Township has been put in connection with the municipal civil infraction. In no case, however, shall costs of less than fifty (\$50.00) Dollars nor more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars be ordered. A violator of this Ordinance shall also be subject to additional sanctions and judicial orders as are authorized under Michigan Law.

Pursuant to Section 267 of the Land Division Act, unlawful division or split shall also be voidable at the option of the purchaser and shall subject the seller to forfeiture of all consideration received or pledged therefore, together with any damages sustained by the purchaser, recoverable in an action at law.

Each days violation of this ordinance that continues to exist constitutes a separate violation.

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
February 24, 1983

The 58th annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival was cancelled by the Grayling Recreational Authority who cited lack of snow and mild temperatures for the decision. The recreational board, who voted 9-0 to cancel the carnival, said there were three inches of water on top of the skating rink, bare earth on top of the ski hill, and water at the bottom of the hills.

Crawford AuSable middle and high school students will be jumping rope for three hours on Feb. 28, to raise money for the Michigan Heart Association. Two years ago the Jump Rope for Heart earned \$1,500 here and coordinators Ann Doty and Don Ferguson have set a goal of \$1,500 for this year.

More than 350 persons picked up free food from the Agriculture in Michigan program distributed in Grayling, in a garage at the rear of Northern National Bank. Crawford County Community Services (sponsored by the Grayling Business and Professional Women's Club) bagged and handed out 3500 pounds of potatoes, 500 pounds of beans, and 400 pounds of onions to the elderly, unemployed, and low-income persons.

Butch and Brett Stockton, winners of last year's AuSable Canoe Marathon, won the annual Klondike Canoe Race held on the

AuSable River. The Stocktons finished 41 minutes ahead of Dave Sheperd and Jeff Kolka, another local racing team who finished third in the marathon last year. Twenty-four teams raced three miles downstream from Ray's to Spider Cut and then three miles upstream.

The wettest fall weather in recent history has prompted a petition from 95 property owners along Jones Lake Road asking for road improvements. The petition drive began during the fall when wet weather helped to bring out the best of the dirt road's ruts.

The Grayling matman pounded 12 other teams in district wrestling action winning the team trophy and ten individuals medals. The ten individuals are: Steve Sauve, Tim Moore, Dan Meldrum, Ron Wyman, Jim Piper, John Solomonson, Lacey Stephan, Chris Krajenka and Tom Sorenson.

Walt Disney's Peter Pan is now showing at the Rialto Theatre.

Rolly Wilkins, of Grayling, caught a 13.5 lb. Tiger Muskie at Lake Margrethe on Feb. 12, he used a spear to take the 39 inch fish.

Savings bonds worth \$50 will be given to the designer of a logo for the first Crawford County Fair. The contest is open to any Crawford AuSable School District student or any county resident ages six to nineteen.

Viking girl skiers raced their

way to a second place finish at Schuss Mt. in the region IV meet and earned a ticket to the state finals, a first time in Grayling history for the girls ski team.

46 Years Ago
February 25, 1960

Pulpwood deliveries from eleven northeastern Michigan counties to Packaging Corporation of America's mill at Filer City increased by more than ten percent in 1959, according to the corporation's Regional Woods Superintendent at Mio. Crawford County pulpwood led the list with 27,420 cords delivered, a 10,000 cord gain over 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wert are spending this week in Dayton, Ohio, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gierson, owners of the Miller's Sporting Goods Company, and also of Mr. and Mr. Joseph Ledbetter, owners of a Dayton camera shop. Mr. Wert was invited to bring his several films on Crawford County, to show them at a Dayton auditorium as one feature of a sporting goods show taking place there.

These films show trout fishing, bow hunting, the sharptail grouse drumming grounds, duck hunting, deer hunting, and many other facets of the county's attractions, and will spread the word among more folks interested in the outdoors.

The City of Grayling Fire Department was called to Gaylord early Monday to join the departments of Gaylord, Vanderbilt, Alba and some conservation department equipment to battle a blaze which broke out in the Royal Linen Company building in downtown Gaylord.

Graduation exercises for a group of twenty practical nurses was held

on Feb. 14, at St. Anne's church in Cadillac. The graduates who received their final clinical training at Grayling Mercy Hospital and are from Grayling are: Sister Mary Stella, Sister Mary Julia, Mrs. George Hilton, Mrs. Marie Becker, Mrs. Martha Sproule and Mrs. Bertha Peterson.

The Grayling High Ski team working out at the Grayling Winter Sports Park are: Nancy Cornell, Bob Bryant, instructor, Roy Lovely, Tim Perry, Patsy Wiseman, Mike Goodrich, Brian Ashton, Mike Lovely, Bill Koerber, Floyd Millikin, Russell Gust, Cathy Stripe, Mike Young, Julie Buron and Robert Bovee, team sponsor.

69 Years Ago
February 25, 1937

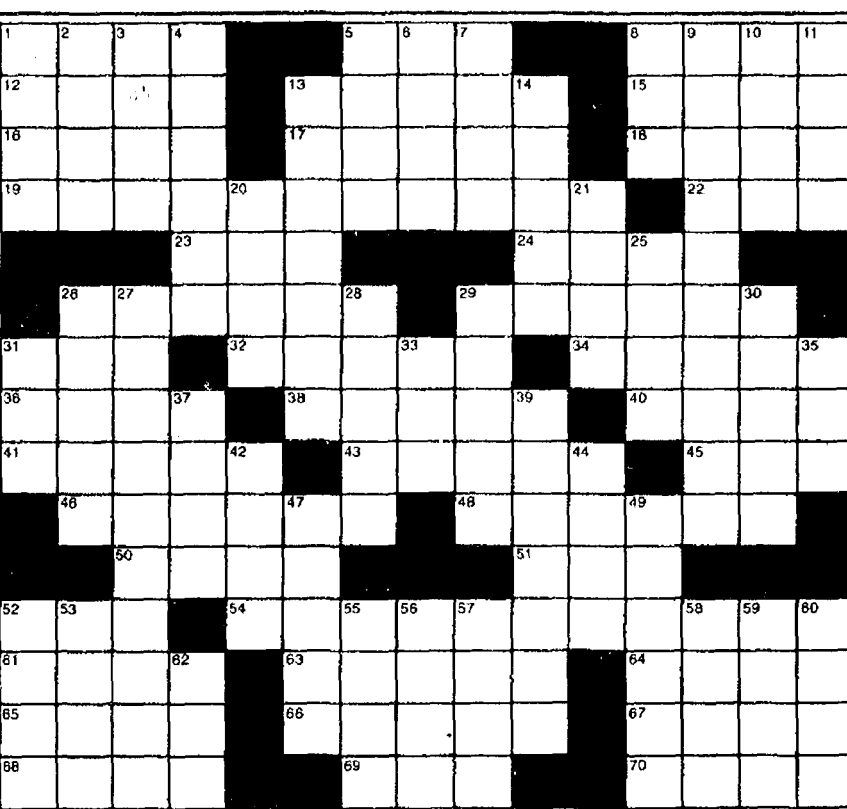
In spite of protests by winter sports officials, scheduled snow trains from Detroit, Jackson, Lansing, Flint, Saginaw, Bay City and other stations arrived as previously scheduled. The passengers had been notified that participation in winter sports would be impossible, however most of them came anyways.

The men from the CCC Camps who were dispatched to the Ohio flood area are all back in the camp again.

92 Years Ago
February 26, 1914

Fire broke out in the home of Leon Babbitt, a few miles down the river at an early hour. Mr. Babbitt had to leave in his robe. The entire building was destroyed. He had about 5,000 feet of lumber piled away in the attic of the house and a trunk containing \$20 in money was also burned.

CROSSWORD



Across

Down

1. Withstand attempts at.
5. ... Shy, 2000 movie starring Liam Neeson.
8. 1973 film directed by Wolfgang Peterson.
12. Capital of Samoa.
13. Containers for holding flowers.
15. Line along the side wall of a building formed by the intersection of the plane of the roof and plane of the wall.
16. ... Macdonald, Canadian born actor.
17. Eliminated from the body.
18. Christopher ... architect and designer.
19. Molding diverse ideas into one.
22. Species of antelope in southern Africa.
23. System of chronological notation reckoned from a given date.
24. Genius ... protective spirit of a place in Roman mythology.
26. Intensity of color.
29. Academy for Linking Education and America Reads to National Service.
31. Knightly honor.
32. City in Connecticut.
34. Small freshwater fish of the carp family.
36. Kristen ... star of Veronica Mars.
38. Comes close to.
40. Roll into a ball.
41. Give a false impression.
43. With lance in hand.
45. Unwell.
46. Vast plains in the central and southern part of the Argentine Republic in South America.
48. Breakfast food prepared from grain.
50. Noisy disturbance.
51. Old plural of "eye."
52. 21st letter of the Greek alphabet.
54. Oil obtained from the livers of cod and similar fishes.
61. Unit of time equal to one billion years.
63. Brother's or sister's daughter.
64. Body of persons organized for the advancement of a cause.
65. In agreement with the fact.
66. Lower section of the roof forming an overhang.
67. Openings through mountains.
68. Irish language.
69. Helmet.
70. Anything ... 2003 directed by Woody Allen.
1. ... Cook, stand-up comedian.
2. Epic poetry.
3. Evolution of light and heat in the combustion of bodies.
4. Complain peevishly.
5. Doddering.
6. Acronym for United States Employment Service.
7. Old English unit of quantity equal to three.
8. Create clothes with cloth.
9. Latin for "things in the margin."
10. Closed structure for cooking food.
11. Latin for "knee."
13. Thick, spongy integument covering the aerial roots of epiphytic orchids.
14. Vertical batten in the framework of a flat.
20. Egg on.
21. Natural dark brown to black graphite-like material used as fuel.
25. Crocodile.
26. Move very slowly and steadily.
27. Formidably difficult.
28. Poems set aside for a particular purpose.
29. Poem accompanied by a musical instrument.
30. Kind of oar.
31. Flow away from land.
33. Plaster slab on which wet clay is left to lose sufficient moisture to make it plastic.
35. Goddess of the dead and queen of the underworld.
37. Limousine.
39. Small cases in which objects fit.
42. Film with a large dramatic scope.
44. Rigging stand that sits on the floor that can lift a bar of lights up to a certain height.
47. Solitarily.
49. Make funous.
52. Skin of a cat's head.
53. Equivalent to the English mister.
55. Slang for a "person's face."
56. ... Coffin House, the Grand Central Station of the Underground Railroad.
57. Covered with icing.
58. Examination conducted by word of mouth.
59. Small demons.
60. Reduction of a disease's symptoms.
62. Used to indicate the maiden or family name of a married woman.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Teriyaki Chicken with Sticky Rice

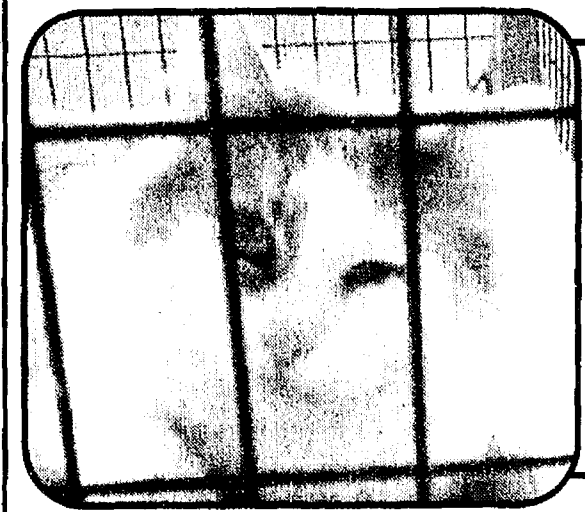
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| Sushi rice | 2 packages frozen chopped broccoli |
| 4 large boneless chicken breasts, sliced | 1 large onion, sliced chunky |
| Splash of sesame seed oil | Nonstick cooking spray |
| 3 tablespoons vegetable oil | Salt and pepper to taste |
| 1 bottle Teriyaki sauce | Cashews |
| Toasted sesame seeds | |

Cook 2 cups rice. Cook sliced chicken in a splash of sesame seed oil and 3 tablespoons vegetable oil. Drain chicken, then put it back in the skillet. Add Teriyaki sauce to the chicken. Sprinkle 3 tablespoons of sesame seeds on chicken. In a separate pot, cook broccoli. In a separate skillet, spray nonstick cooking spray and lightly sauté onions with salt and pepper. In individual serving bowls, place rice, then broccoli, onion and chicken. Spoon sauce over top, garnish with cashews and serve immediately.

Makes 4 Servings

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Hope

arrived at the shelter in the worst way- thrown over the gate in a box one winter night along with another very nice cat. She is about a year old and has one eye smaller than the other. She is very affectionate and deserves a loving home. Hope is now spayed and vaccinated.

Barney

Barney's owner never came to claim him. He is a very nice Black Lab, housebroken, use to children and full of love. He is now neutered and vaccinated.



The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

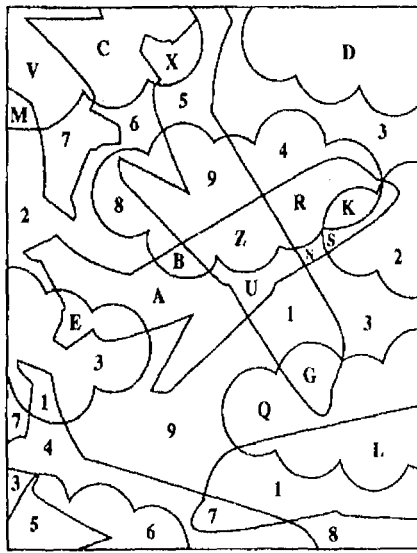
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in two billion
will live to be
116 or older.

HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 23, 2006



December 22-
January 19

You're in a class of your own, Capricorn, when it comes to home improvement. Your friends will rely on that to get them out of a fix. A report motivates you to do good.



March 21-
April 19

You receive the shock of a lifetime. Be receptive, Aries, and learn to live with the inevitable. An e-mail from a pal provides some much needed solace.



June 22-
July 22

Even the best-laid plans come undone every now and then. Try not to get too discouraged, Cancer. A better opportunity will present itself later. A mission at home turns out beautifully.



September 23-
October 22

A change of pace is in order, Libra. Sign up for a class, take a trip or pick up a new hobby. Life's too short to just sit back and let the world pass you by.



January 20-
February 18

Time's a-wasting, Aquarius. Pull up your bootstraps and get going. A miscalculation sends you scurrying to a business. Be polite but firm.



April 20-
May 20

A friend is under the weather, Taurus. Bring them a colorful pot of blooms and give them a lift. Challenges at work prove too much for you to handle. Seek help and all will go well.



July 23-
August 22

Uh-oh, Leo. A special occasion is drawing near. Pull out all the stops and make it an affair to remember. The tension at work finally breaks. Enjoy the newfound peace.



October 23-
November 21

A relative makes a disparaging remark, Scorpio. Overlook it. Something else is going on with them. Pictures of another time and place get the mind whirling.



February 19-
March 20

The shoe is on the other foot, Pisces. Deal with it and move on to better things. A long-lost letter adds an air of mystique to the week-end.



May 21-
June 21

A throng of curious spectators makes a task difficult, Gemini. Set them straight and get on with business. A series of e-mails results in a flurry of activity.



August 23-
September 22

Sometimes all it takes is one gesture of kindness to bring a smile to someone's face. Keep that in mind, Virgo, at an upcoming function. A treasured bloom returns home.



November 22-
December 21

You're the leader of the pack on a new project at work, Sagittarius. Be diligent, work steadily and the project will come off without a hitch. A package brings glamour to your life.

WEATHER
Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
Date	High	Low	Precip. Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
2/15	31	18	0.24							
2/16	31	19	0.13							
2/17	25	13	0.54	High 30	High 26	High 23	High 16	High 20	High 28	
2/18	20	-2	0.05	Low 15	Low 21	Low 12	Low 8	Low 14	Low 17	
2/19	8	-2	0							
2/20	18	13	0							
2/21	24	8	0.01	Light Snow	Few Snow Showers	Snow	Snow Shower	Few Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$6.90 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$5.00 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER 2 bedroom, 1 bath, recent updates inside and out. Private yard, walking distance to park and library. Near I-75/US127, snowmobile, ski and golf area. Paved road - 8306 S. Grayling Rd. \$67,500. 989-422-6260. (LR2/23/06/1)

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE 2.3 acres on East Branch with 230' frontage, 2 miles to city limits. \$52,000. 989-619-9031. (-16-23-2/1)

GRAYLING 4 BEDROOM 2 bath, 1.4 acres joining state land. Great hunting, fishing, snowmobiling. Easy financing regardless of credit. \$83,000. Call 989-344-6052 or 989-390-9889. (LR4/27/06/1)

1. Real Estate

AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE NEW LISTINGS e-mailed to you. Call us at 348-5474 or email to cnt21@i2k.com Century 21 River Country Real Estate. Visit our web: www.century21grayling.com (2/23/06tf/1)

RENT TO OWN! If you pay rent, you can own! Stop paying off your landlord's mortgage! You can Rent-To-Own your own home even with poor credit! Call Steven at 866-860-7994. 24 hour recorded message.



Connie
10 acres and just about everything else you could want... newer Salt Box style home with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, full-walkout basement, beautiful Knotty Pine vaulted ceilings, and Knotty Pine wood flooring. \$145,000 #5586



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River Country Real Estate
5688 M-72 West, Grayling
(989) 390-2888 & (989) 348-5474

1. Real Estate

AUSABLE RIVER FRONT PROPERTY only 100 feet off black top, all utilities in area, property is high ground and includes a small water inlet. Property dimensions are: 100' x 250'. Priced to sell at \$54,900. 973-579-2429. (-16-23-2/1)

1. Real Estate

LOW INCOME housing available to purchase. Apply with Connie at Century 21. Call for an appointment. 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. Currently 5 homes available. (2/23/06tf/1)

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE Secluded, elevated, spacious, 3 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch, possible 4th bedroom in full basement. New paint throughout, all appliances included. Stone fireplace with air tight, wood burning insert, oak cabinets, doors and trim, ceiling fans, walk-in closets. 8.89 acres of rolling hardwoods. 24 x 36 framed, trussed, pole barn, needs completion. Asking \$103,900. Must see, must sell. Open house 9 - 5, daily, 5689 County Road 612. West at May Lake, Frederic. 989-390-9812. (-23/1)

LEWISTON Large 5 bedroom, 2 bath ranch, 2,440 sq. ft. with oversize 2-car garage, 644 sq. ft. Ideal for Adult Foster Care Home needed in Lewiston area. Great location across from Senior Apts. on Mary Ann Drive. Barrier free, previously licensed as AIS home. Other uses: Pre-school, Day Care Center or for family with handicapped child or frail parents. Two large lots, good well, oversized septic. Buy for \$139,000 or lease. Flexible terms for qualified buyer. Jack Matthias, 989-742-4732. (-16-23/1)

REAL ESTATE FORCLOSURE SALE

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE
WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, 2006 AT 10:00 AM
ADDRESS: 7671 W. May Lake Road
Frederic, MI 49733

MINIMUM BID: \$29,901.00
3 BEDROOMS, 1 BATH
PROPERTY SIZE: 4.40 ACRES
REDEMPTION PERIOD: 30 DAYS

OFFER MUST BE IN FORM OF CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER THE DAY OF THE SALE

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT RURAL DEVELOPMENT AT:
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240 W. Wright Street
West Branch, MI 48661
(989) 345-4010, ext. 4

REAL ESTATE FORCLOSURE SALE

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MARCH 1, 2006 AT 10:00 AM

ADDRESS: 525 Crescent Place
Grayling, MI 49738
MINIMUM BID: \$17,100

3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 13,545 Sq. Property Size
REDEMPTION 6 MONTHS

OFFER MUST BE IN FORM OF CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER THE DAY OF THE SALE

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A nice package! 1,706 sq. ft. home, beautiful master suite with private full bath, 2 additional bedrooms & 2nd full bath, large living room & family room featuring a fireplace, vaulted ceilings, formal dining, central air, landscaping, 28 x 32 garage on 2.5 acres with pond! \$109,900 #5640



Cozy 3 bed ranch on 2.5 acres in a great location. 32x32 garage with 11' ceiling insulated and drywalled. Extensive rock landscaping, circle drive and close to snowmobile trails and Ausable River. Property ideal for primary residence or recreational get-away \$99,500 #5612



Three Bedroom, two bath home on 7.7 acres in Lovells Township. Two car attached garage, plus 2 car detached heated garage with workshop. Well maintained home with fireplace, screened-in porch and storm cellar. Storage shed and hunting blind. \$129,900 #5578



1600' on Big Creek, 40 Acres of majestic property bordering State Land on 3 sides. 37x60 Barnmaster Steel horse barn, 24x60 outbuilding with a 24x24 heated work area, and a 3 bedroom 2 bath home. Home features master bedroom with sauna and private bath. \$389,900 #5517



Awsome Houghton Lake Canal Frontage! Beautifully landscaped with extensive decking, underground sprinklers & deck at water's edge. Tastefully decorated 3 bedroom home with stunning floor to ceiling windows bringing the outside in. Fireplace, cathedral ceiling & French doors to deck. \$279,000 #5522



Great little cabin on 10 acres! Secluded area and set back off the road. Located 3 miles from Manistee Lake, only 1 mile from Round Lake and Oxbow Lake. Everything is new in this 2 bedroom cabin. Must See! \$75,000 #5487



Great location and well maintained home features 3 bedrooms, living room, family room with fireplace, and then in the full basement there is a den, game room/bar area and utility room. Attached 2 car garage and a large fenced yard. #5617 \$115,000



Two adorable homes on one parcel, only steps away from Higgins Lake. Have your mortgage paid for you by living in the front home and renting the back. Past rents were at \$950 and \$650 per week, or \$200 by the night. #5615 \$149,000



103 Feet of Prime Commercial, High Visibility Highway Frontage. Property currently has an older remodeled mobile on it with new 4" sub. well, new carpet, insulated skirting and an updated survey. It has a multitude of possibilities. #5576 \$59,900

Great Building Site at a Great Price! Close to May Lake and the Ausable River. Ready to build that perfect up north get-away or build that full time home you have always dreamed of... or just camp out on it! \$7,500 #5394

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5688 West M-72
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Enjoy the pines of Grayling! This 10 acre parcel is almost 100% wooded with beautiful mature pines. Secluded location with electric approximately 600 feet away. Perfect for that get-away cabin you always wanted or the full time home you need. Owner will consider land contract or possible trade. \$29,500 #5628



Randy Thompson
Broker/Owner



Connie Winans
Associate Broker



Casey Thompson
Sales Agent



Randall Hartley
Sales Agent



Bill Borchers
Sales Associate



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Associate Broker



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Associate Broker



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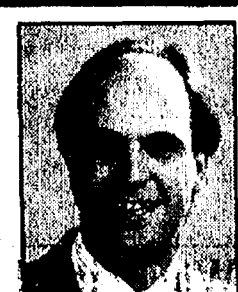


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HIGGINS LAKE ACCESS. Secluded among beautiful hardwoods with ideal recreational potential. This 1,120 sq. ft. 2 bedroom home has never been lived in! Features include open living-kitchen-dining area, drywall interior, & over sized master bedroom. The naturally landscaped yard includes a fire pit, picnic table & swing set. Immediate occupancy. \$79,900 CH-2280



COMPLETELY REMODELED HOME JUST OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS. 1,798 s.f., 3 B/R with possible 4th, 1 1/2 baths, large 23 x 25 living room, and a 10 x 6.7 office. Nicely landscaped yard with blacktop drive, 10 x 17 storage shed, 30 x 18 patio, and a 12 x 12 deck. Motivated seller, will entertain creative financing. \$85,000 CH-2281



BEAUTIFUL WOODED SETTING LOCATED ON THE END OF PRIVATE ROAD. Very secluded with state land on north side with access to Ausable River. 1,596 s.f., custom ranch with 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 750 s.f. partially finished basement, great room with vaulted ceiling, large kitchen island, master bedroom suite, door wall off living room onto 11x52 deck, and all appliances included. 24x24 attached heated and finished garage, sprinkling system, hot tub on 11x52 deck, and a children's tree house. \$165,000 CH-2278



"AS WE GROW" CHILD CARE CENTER - 2,380 s.f. custom built for day care, central A/C, cyclone fencing, full kitchen, all appliances, including washer, dryer, and freezer, four bathrooms. Built in 2000. Handicap ramp, and three rear decks. \$40,000 for the business, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings. Excellent opportunity for established business or ideal location for office or retail. CH-2190 \$210,000

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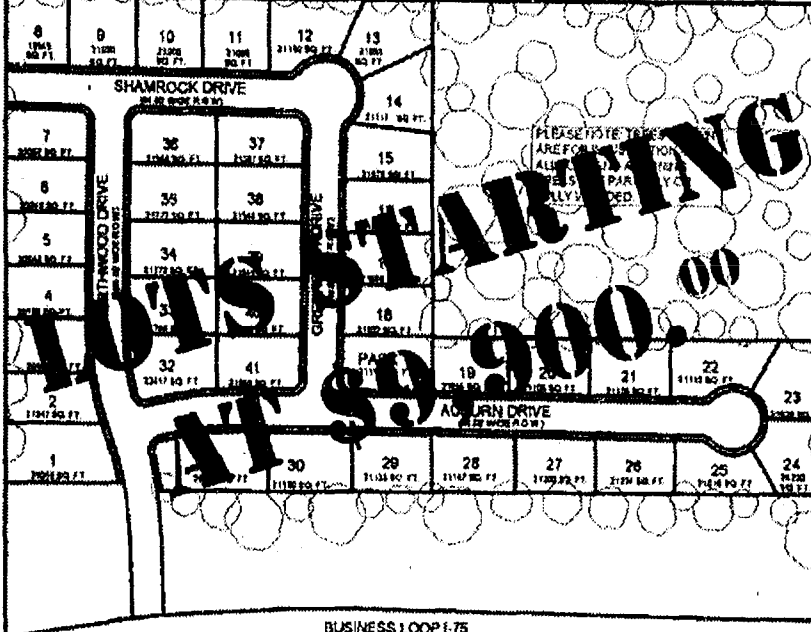
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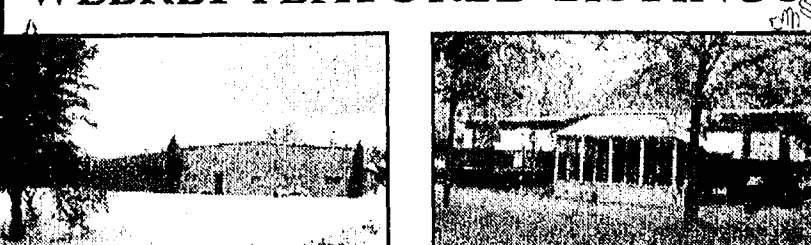
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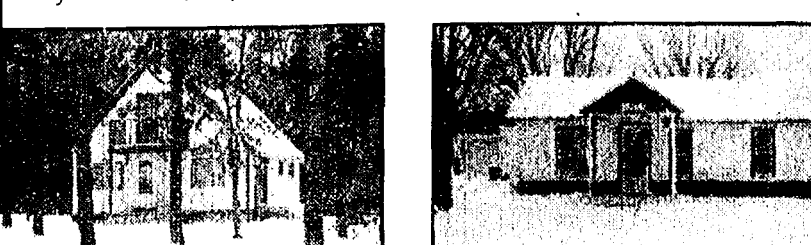
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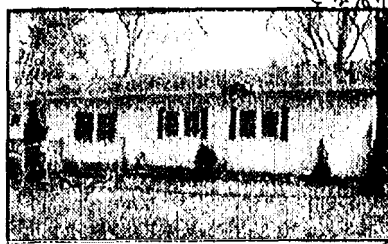
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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The input session will be held as follows:

DATE: Thursday, March 2, 2006

TIME: 12:30 p.m.

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8. Announcements

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PUBLIC INVITED to a luncheon Thursday, March 2 from 11 to 1 pm, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Take-outs available. Cost is \$5 per person. (-23/8)

FREE Financial Fitness/Credit Education Workshop. 5 week session starting March 1. Grayling morning and evening classes now forming. Call Alice at Northern Homes CDC to register. Toll free: 866-637-1834. (LR3/9/06/8)

J. DAP CO is celebrating Mardi Gras. Come in Monday, February 20 thru Tuesday, February 28 and receive Mardi Gras beads (while supplies last). Enjoy these sales to celebrate Mardi Gras: All beads and beading supplies 25% off, purses and totes 25% off, toys 25% off. Stop by for all the fun. J. Dap Co is located at 118 Michigan Ave., in Grayling. (-16-23/8)

ANNUAL NATIONAL WILD TURKEY Federation Sanctioned Banquet/Auction Saturday, March 16, 2006 at The Grayling Eagles Club. Social hour: 5:30 pm, Dinner/Program: 6:30 pm. For more information call Dennis Ryan, (989) 348-8338 or Brian Brown, (989) 275-1426. (LR3/16/06/8)

AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Region IX Area Agency on Aging will conduct an input session on its Multi-Year Area Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2007-2009. The session will develop direction for services to the senior population as provided under the Older Americans Act, for the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon.

The input session will be held as follows:

DATE: Thursday, March 2, 2006

TIME: 12:30 p.m.

PLACE: West Branch Senior Center
130 Page Street
West Branch, MI 48661

For further information please call 356-3474 ext. 261.

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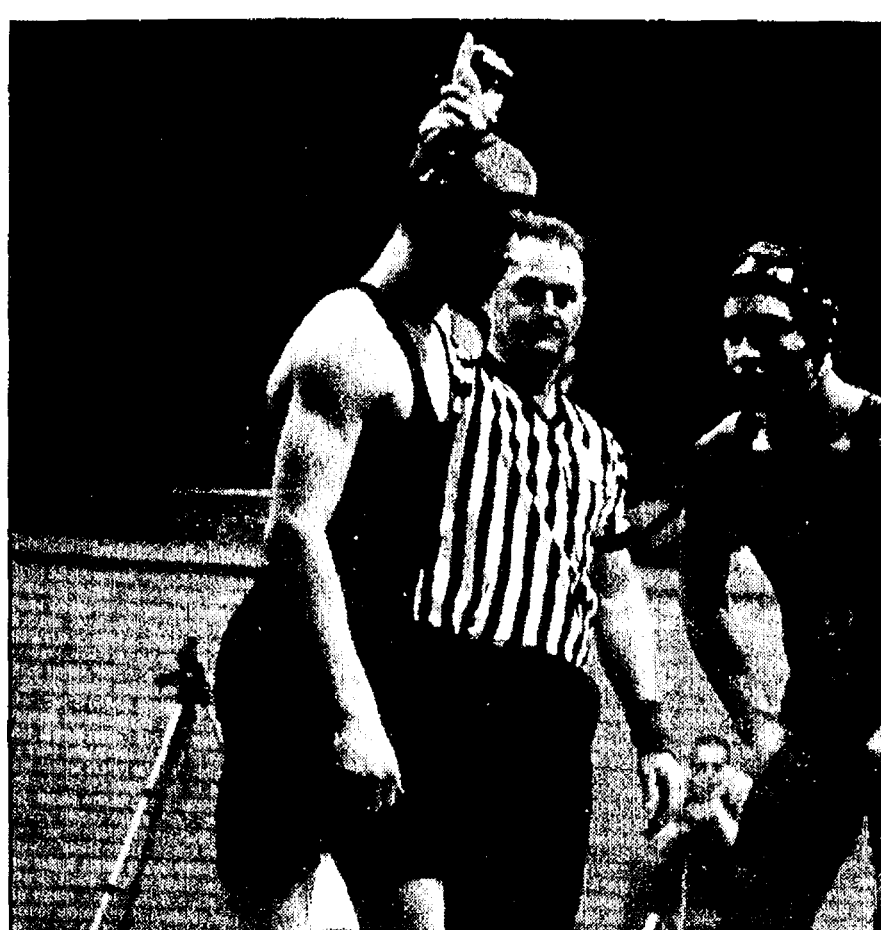
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The referee signals victory for Jeff Bancroft (160) at last week's team district event at GMS.



Joey Ferrigan (215) goes for a pin vs. Roscommon on Wednesday night.

Wrestling squad hosts team districts

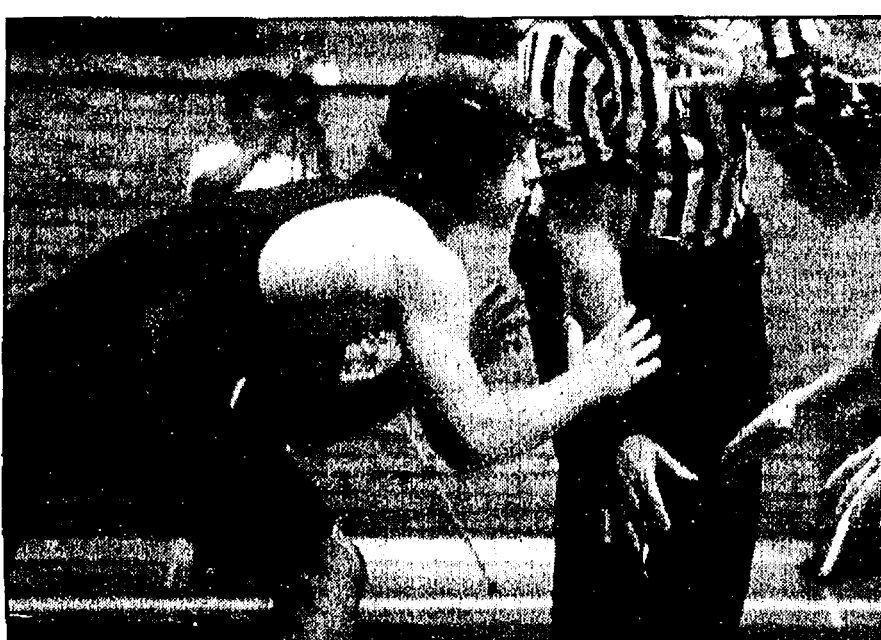
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Jeff Bancroft (160) pinned his Roscommon opponent in the first round. Eric Madill (171) won his match vs. the Bucks with a second round pin. Roscommon won by pin in the 189-pound weight class.

Joey Ferrigan (215) and Bill Stewart (heavyweight) pinned their Roscommon counterparts in the first round to pull Grayling within four, 28-24.

Roscommon won the last five matches of the meet (103, 112, 119, 125, and 130) - four by pin and one by default - to win the series by a final score of 58-24.

Roscommon defeated Cheboygan in the finals to win a district championship.



Eric Goscicki (119), left, and James Walker (189), right, wrestle against Roscommon at team districts.



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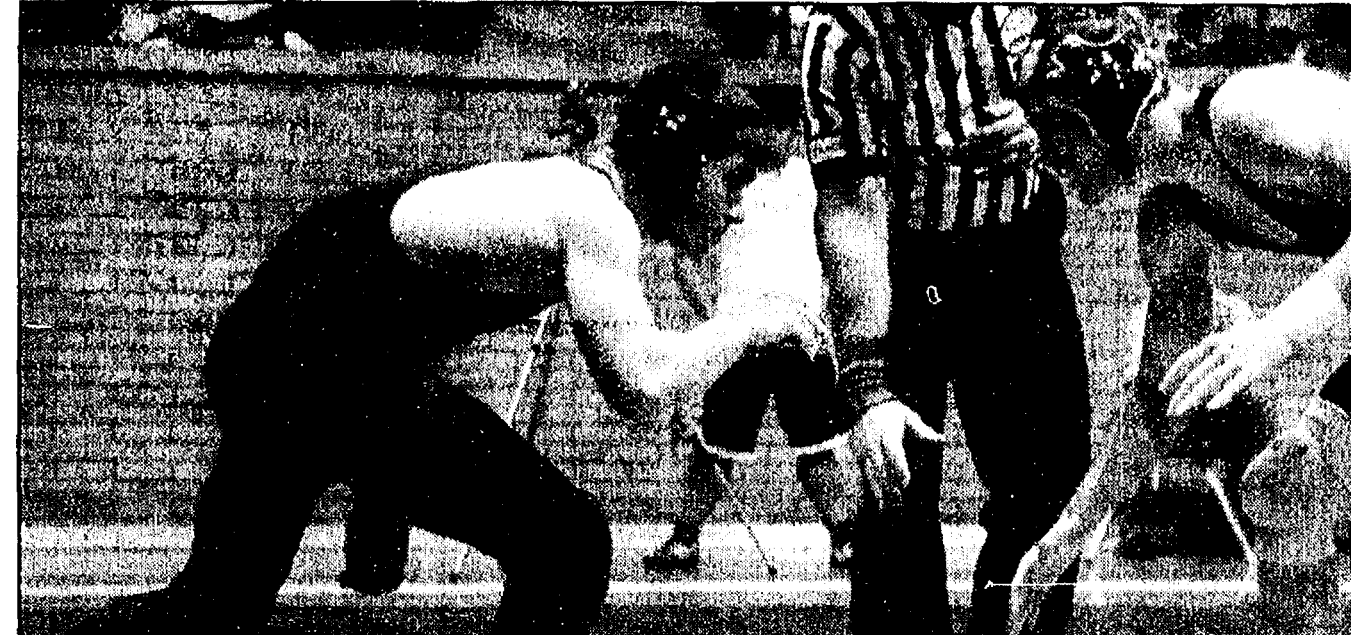
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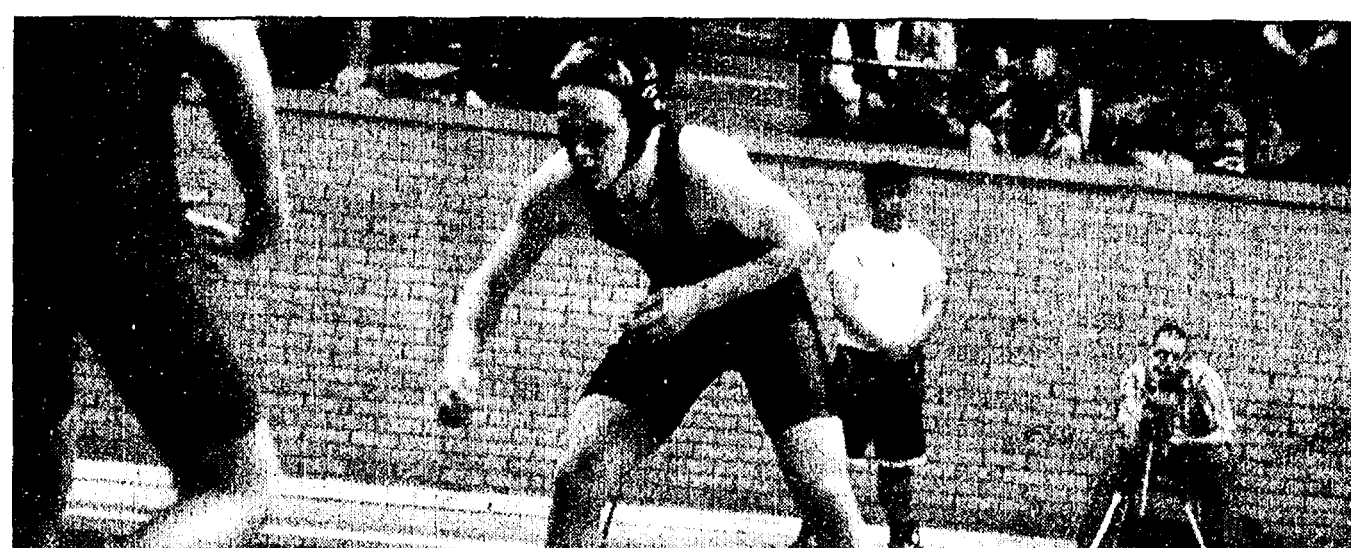
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Cody Malone (140), above, and Brian Hagerman (145), below, compete against the Bucks on Wednesday.



GRAYLING YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB

The Grayling Youth Wrestling Club (grades K-6) recently competed in tournaments at Essexville, Bullock Creek, and Whittemore.

Placements for Grayling at the three meets included:

Essexville (Feb. 31) - Kaden Brigham (55), 3rd; Logan Duvall (64), 2nd; Zach Cheney (77), 1st; Nick Petrie (82), 3rd; Kyle Schmidt (63), 3rd; Zack Mack (67), 2nd; Ty Jensen (95), 1st; William Corbin (heavyweight), 3rd; Brandon Handrich (85), 2nd; Tyler Brigham (90), 2nd; Ryan Randall (100), 2nd; Avery

Bergman (100), 3rd; Zach Wolcott (110), 2nd; Brandon Bieda (133), 3rd; Derek Babbitt (heavyweight), 1st; Jeff Enos, 3rd; Bullock Creek (Feb. 4) - K. Brigham (55), 3rd; Jonathan Martin (49), 1st; Petrie (82), 3rd; Cheney (77), 4th; Erin Messerschmidt (58), 2nd; Zachary Joseph (heavyweight), 3rd; Jensen (95), 1st; Mack (67), 1st; Jon Petrie (85), 2nd; Kyle Schmidt (67), 3rd; David Somero (heavyweight), 4th; Devin Stephan (71), 2nd; Babbitt (heavyweight), 2nd; Bieda (133),

3rd; Handrich (85), 3rd; Randall (95), 2nd; Whittemore (Jan 28) - Martin (49), 1st; Bronson Wellman (55), 2nd; K. Brigham (52), 2nd; Messerschmidt (58), 2nd; Cheney (77), 1st; N. Petrie (82), 3rd; Wyatt Thompson (77), 3rd; James Piper (77), 2nd; Miquela Bergman (heavyweight), 4th; Jensen (100), 2nd; Mack (67), 1st; J. Petrie (85), 1st; Nolan Ryan (71), 2nd; Joseph (heavyweight), 3rd; Handrich (85), 2nd; Randall (100), 1st; Joey Schwartz (100), 3rd; Babbitt (heavyweight), 1st.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn	156
Sawmill I	134
Holiday Inn	131

Growlers Pub	126
Sawmill H	124
Legion	114
5 Ball Runs, Tammy (Sawmill I)	

Annette (Frederic Inn) and Roberta (Legion)	6 Ball Run, Annette (Frederic Inn)
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